

## **EX75. 2017/18 Budget/Initial Savings Options**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting officers' budget savings options identified to date.

Council had agreed on 21 September 2016 (ref FC36) that officers would submit savings options to this meeting. The service savings options templates were attached to the report to allow the necessary consultations and Equality and Poverty Impact Assessments (EPIAs) to be carried out.

### **Decision**

**The Executive noted that:-**

- (1) the budget savings options identified by officers in the appendices to the report will be the subject of consultation with stakeholders;**
- (2) officers will continue to research further savings options which can be brought before members later in the 2017/18 budget process, and**
- (3) in terms of section 4.2 of the report, with respect to workforce:**
  - (a) the potential impact on the workforce if the options being consulted on were to subsequently be agreed;**
  - (b) the current position in relation to negotiations on terms and conditions and that officers progress these in order to achieve, if possible, an agreement on a revised package, keeping the Leader and Leader of the Opposition advised of progress, and**
  - (c) the discussions being progressed with Trade Unions on the removal of the 35 hour protection and that an update will be provided at an appropriate stage on the outcome of these discussions.**