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**Executive Leader (Finance and Performance)  
Decision Session**

**11 December 2017**

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive/ Director of Customer and Corporate Services

**CITY OF YORK COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE 2018/19 LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CONSULTATION**

**Summary**

1. The Government issued a technical consultation paper on 14 September 2017 in relation to the 2018/19 Local Government Finance Settlement. The paper outlines how the Government proposes dealing with a number of technical issues in the 2018/19 settlement. Responses are required from local government by 26 October 2017.
2. On 20 October 2016 Council passed a motion to request that funding consultation responses are reported back to Executive. Due to the short timescale of the consultation, the earliest opportunity to report the consultation response within the public domain is this Decision Session of the Executive Leader (Finance and Performance).
3. The consultation response for City of York Council is included at Annexe 1.

**Recommendations**

4. The Leader is asked to note the consultation response from City of York Council in relation to the technical consultation on 2018/19 Local Government Finance Settlement.

Reason:

So that the public can see how the council is responding to local government funding consultations.

## **Background**

5. The technical consultation paper is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-finance-settlement-2018-to-2019-technical-consultation>

6. There is very little new in this consultation paper, since most of the settlement for 2018/19 has already been announced and the Government is not proposing making any changes to the four year funding allocations that have already been announced and agreed with authorities which signed up to the four year funding settlement. City of York Council signed up to the four year settlement as agreed by Executive on 30 June 2016.
7. The consultation paper confirms that there will be a 'baseline' again for receipt of New Homes Bonus (NHB) grant. The grant will only be paid for increases in taxbase above the baseline. This is in line with current policy. The actual baseline amount will not be announced until the provisional settlement in mid December 2017. A significant proportion of the consultation questions relate to proposed methodologies for reducing or withholding NHB payments where houses were only built following an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.
8. The government is not proposing any change to Council Tax referendum limits.
9. In general policy terms, there is further confirmation that the Government wants to move towards a higher retention of business rates for local government, but at this stage there is no clarity on how and when that might happen.

## **Specialist Implications**

### **Financial**

10. The financial implications are contained within the body of the report.

### **Human Resources (HR)**

11. There are no HR implications to this report

### **One Planet Council/ Equalities**

12. There are no specific equality implications in this report, however equality issues are accounted for at all stages of the financial planning process.

### **Legal**

13. There are no legal implications to this report.

### **Crime and Disorder**

14. There are no crime and disorder implications to this report.

### **Information Technology (IT)**

15. There are no information technology implications to this report.

### **Property**

16. There are no property implications to this report.

### **Other**

17. There are no other implications to this report.

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**Report  
Approved**



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#### **Specialist Implications Officer(s)**

None

**Wards Affected:** List wards or tick box to indicate all

**All**

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**For further information please contact the authors of the report**

**Background Papers:**

Executive 30 June 2016 - Financial Strategy Update 2016/17 to 2020/21

Council 23 February 2017 - Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2021/22

**Annexes:**

1 – City of York Council Consultation Response to 2018/19 Local Government Finance Settlement

**List of abbreviations used in this report**

DCLG – Department of Communities and Local Government

NHB – New Homes Bonus