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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 2017**

The following item of urgent business will be considered at the MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS on THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2017 at 10.00 am

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

7 February 2017

URGENT BUSINESS		
13.	Update on Local Government Settlement (Pages 1 - 4)	

NOTES

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT 2017/18

Report by the Chief Financial Officer

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

9 FEBRUARY 2017

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs Council of additional funding which was made available from the Scottish Government on the 2nd February 2017.**
- 1.2 As part of the stage one debate on the Scottish Budget on 2nd February 2017, the Scottish Government confirmed an additional £130m of revenue and £30m of capital funding nationally for Scottish Local Authorities. This funding will come to Local Authorities on an un-hypothecated basis for 2017/18 to be spent at local discretion. The allocation to the Scottish Borders is £2.889m revenue and £0.888m capital. At present it is assumed this funding is one off pending confirmation from the Scottish Government. These additional sums require to be added to the previous budget totals giving revised resources for 2017/18 of £267.647m revenue and £39.66m capital.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council notes the additional one-off revenue and capital funding made available from the Scottish Government in 2017/18 and proceeds to consider the application of this funding as part of the budget setting process.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As part of the stage one debate in Parliament on the Scottish Budget on 2nd February 2017 the Government confirmed an additional £130m of revenue and £30m of capital funding nationally for Scottish Local Authorities.

4 UPDATE

- 4.1 This additional funding will come to Local Authorities on an un-hypothecated basis for 2017/18 to be spent at local discretion. Scottish Borders Council has been notified that its share of the national funding of £130m of revenue and £30m of capital budget is:

	2017/18 £m
Revenue	2.889
Capital	0.888

- 4.2 COSLA is seeking confirmation as to whether the funding will be baselined within the local government settlement. It should be noted that £100m of this funding comes from "year-end flexibility" in the Scottish Government budget and it is therefore recommended that the Council plan for the funding on a one-off basis pending further confirmation from government.
- 4.3 Subject to the budget being approved, the additional figures above will be added to the figures already notified in the Finance Circular. The final budget debate will take place in Parliament on 23rd February with the Finance Order (which will include the updated Finance Circular) being laid in early March.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

This report confirms further funding available to add to the Council's budget for 2017/18.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

The sums are made available pending final parliamentary approval on 23rd February 2017.

5.3 Equalities

There are no equalities issues resulting from this report.

5.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no economic, social or environmental effects from this report.

5.5 Carbon Management

There are no effects on carbon emissions resulting from this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

This report contains no implications that will compromise the Council's rural proofing policy.

5.7 **Changes to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

This report does not result in any changes to the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated into the report.

Approved by

David Robertson
Chief Financial Officer

Signature

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