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**REPORT TO:** FULL COUNCIL

**DATE:** 8 OCTOBER 2015

**SUBJECT:** PART 'B' REFERRALS FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

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**25 Budget Strategy 2016/17**

Considered – Report of the Finance Officer (s151)

**Recommendation to Council**

That Council be recommended to approve the following strategy for the preparation of the 2016/2017 budget:

- (i) Proposals to be brought forward for a freeze in Council Tax for the next financial year
- (ii) Increases in fees and charges to be to a maximum of 4.5% on a cost centre heading basis excluding VAT and only those charges officers recommend above this figure to be considered by the relevant policy committee
- (iii) Efficiencies to be maximised
- (iv) The use of New Homes Bonus in line with the medium term financial plan and
- (v) Options for service cuts to be provided. These proposals to be considered by the Resources Working Party and brought to the Policy and Resources Committee and Council.

Recorded vote

For – Councillors V Arnold, S Arnold, Bailey, Burr, Cowling, Hope, Ives and Oxley

Against – Councillors Clark and Keal