New Grant to support additional costs that may arise as a result of Brexit

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet recommends that Council approves an increase to the Financial Services revenue budget cash limits to reflect the use of £0.175 million grant funding over 2018/19 and 2019/10 from MHCLG to support additional costs that may arise because of Brexit, noting that central Government has indicated this is not the only funding it may allocate to Local Government for this purpose.

2. Local authorities across England will receive a share of £56.5 million to help support their preparations for Brexit. For the Council this is £0.175 million over two years. This funding is intended to help local authorities with specific costs which may arise following Brexit.

3. The funding will not be the only resource Councils receive from central Government to fund Brexit costs. The Government has been clear that its departments will assess and, if appropriate, fund any potential new requirements of Councils as part of the Brexit work they are undertaking.

4. At this stage, the money will be ring-fenced in reserves whilst a review is undertaken to confirm how this funding will be utilised.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda and background papers for the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 March 2019