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TO: THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

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**COUNCIL MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2016
AGENDA ITEM 8
GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT POLICY OPTIONS 2017-18**

MOTION TO BE PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MORAN

- A. That the financial performance at the mid year point as set out in Appendix 1 be noted.
- B. That the results of the Policy Options consultation set out in Appendices 2, 3 and 4 be noted.
- C. **That the following Policy Option proposals be approved from 2017/18:**
- **Introduce a charge of £30 per year for the collection of green compostable material (Appendix 5 reference OP9)**
 - **Introduce a charge of £25 per year to have an extra green bin emptied (Appendix 5 reference OP9)**
 - **Removal of Static Recycling sites across the Borough (Appendix 5 reference OP10)**
 - **Reduce time period for discretionary council tax discounts on empty properties by half (Appendix 5 reference OP12)**
 - **Introduce a flat rate for the essential user lump sum car allowance based on the NJC rate for the smallest size cars with pay protection for any staff whose allowance is reduced (Appendix 6 option 2)**
 - **Payment of HMRC rates for all business mileage (Appendix 6 option 2)**
- D. **That the remaining Policy Option proposals contained in Appendix 5 be deferred for consideration at a later date.**
- E. That the Chief Executive and Heads of Service be given authority to take all necessary action in connection with the implementation of the approved proposals.

Note – changes in recommendations from the original report are shown above in bold.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**UNION VIEWS ON THE THREE OPTIONS ON CAR ALLOWANCES SET OUT IN
APPENDIX 6**

The Unions have been consulted on the three options on car allowances set out in Appendix 6 of the report.

Unison has responded that it has consulted its members by ballot on the three options, and that the majority of its members affected by these proposals have indicated that they prefer Option 3.

GMB has responded that it has discussed the 3 options in relation to car allowances with its members, and that the majority that are affected would choose Option 3.

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ALTERED MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR WILKIE

- 17(a) 'Total Eclipse of the S*n' - Motion Included on the Agenda by Councillor Wilkie on behalf of the Labour Group

This motion calls on shops in West Lancashire to stop selling the S*n newspaper and condemns it for publishing "blatant lies".

On 15th April 1989 a disaster at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield led, ultimately, to the deaths of 96 innocent fans that had left home that morning to watch a football match. Due to crowd control mis-management those fans, whose ages ranged from 10 to 67 years old, had the life crushed out of them. Contrary to the facts, the S*n published a front page story with the banner headline 'The Truth' which contained blatant lies. Many Hillsborough families who were affected by that fateful day reside in West Lancashire.

For this reason the Council calls on all retailers and vendors of newspapers in West Lancashire to stop selling The S*n and applauds the group 'Total Eclipse of the S*n' for endeavouring to rid the North West of the newspaper.

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ALTERED MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DOWLING

17(C) Grammar Schools - Motion Included on the Agenda by Councillor Dowling on Behalf of the Labour Group

This Council is proud of all secondary schools in the borough and applauds them in the work they do to educate our children, in times of tough financial pressures, ever increasing scrutiny from Ofsted and the ever changing policies of the Department for Education.

This council notes the opposition by Lancashire County Council, the Shadow Education Secretary Angela Rayner MP, former Education Secretary Nicky Morgan, Ofsted Chief Sir Michael Wilshaw, the OECD, and many others to this government's grammar schools proposals.

This Council believes the Tories' plan for grammar schools will segregate our children, providing a privileged education for a few and a second class education for the rest. Far from increasing social mobility, they undermine the quality of existing secondary schools and improving life chances across the board.

This Council resolves to write to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education urging them not to proceed with these divisive proposals which contradict all available evidence regarding the most effective ways to improve educational achievement and hence will do nothing to raise educational standards for all our children.

