

Decision Notice 23 January 2020

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This document lists the decisions taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on Thursday, 23 January 2020. The list covers key and non-key decisions. A decision may be implemented with immediate effect, unless it is eligible for call-in as identified below, whereupon a decision will not be implemented until five working days have elapsed.

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A10	<p><u>Corporate Plan 2020/21</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:</p> <p>A The Corporate Plan 2020/21, attached as Appendix A to the report, is adopted.</p> <p>B Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make minor and inconsequential amendments to the Corporate Plan.</p>	<p>A The Corporate Plan provides the Council with important context for decision making and the allocation of its resources. Approval of the Corporate Plan is reserved to Full Council.</p>	None	None	No

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A11	<p><u>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 - 2022/23</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:</p> <p>A The Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2020/21 to 2022/23 (attached as Appendix B to the report) is adopted.</p> <p>B The planned Council Tax increase of 1.99 per cent for 2020/21 as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved.</p> <p>C The proposals in relation to reserves as set out in this report at paragraphs 23 to 29 of the report and contained within Section 8 of the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved.</p>	<p>A To enable Cabinet to consider the current factors influencing the three year Medium Term Financial Plan and agree the financial strategy for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23 in support of the overall financial plans of the Council over that period and the delivery of its priorities.</p>	None	None	No

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<p>A12</p>	<p><u>General Fund Budget 2020/21</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:</p> <p>A The General Fund estimates for 2020/21, as set out in Appendix A to the report, are approved.</p> <p>B The proposed transfers between the General Fund and Earmarked Reserves, referred to in paragraphs 28 to 30, Table 3 of this report and set out in Appendix C to the report, are approved.</p> <p>C The proposed Fees and Charges, as set out in Appendix E to the report, are approved.</p> <p>D The Pay Policy Statement, as set out in Appendix G to the report, is approved.</p>	<p>A The Council must approve an annual budget and Council Tax charge for the forthcoming year under legislation.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>

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	<p>E The Council's Band D Council Tax for 2020/21 is set at £283.26 representing an increase in Council Tax of 1.99 per cent for the forthcoming year.</p>				
<p>A13</p>	<p><u>Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2019-2049</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:</p> <p>A The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan, as set out in Appendix A to this report, be approved.</p> <p>B Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, to make minor amendments to the Plan, if necessary, following consultation.</p>	<p>A The HRA Business Plan 2019-2049 is a formal update on the Council's landlord service over the next 30 years. Housing stock holding councils need to demonstrate that their business is sustainable over the long term.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>

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<p>A14</p>	<p><u>Housing Revenue Account Budget 2020/21</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:</p> <p>A The rents for individual dwellings as set out in paragraph 28 of the report are approved with effect from 6 April 2020. This equates to an average weekly rent of £92.28 an increase of 2.7 per cent.</p> <p>B Service charges for individual dwellings, as set out in paragraphs 21 to 27 of the report are approved with effect from 6 April 2020 for tenants and from 1 April 2020 for leaseholders. This equates to an average weekly service charge to tenants of £2.79.</p> <p>C Heating charges as set out in paragraphs 29 to 34 of the report are approved with effect</p>	<p>A This report sets out the HRA budget for 2020/21 and forecast outturn for the current year, together with the information necessary to set a balanced budget as required by legislation.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>

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	<p>from 6 April 2020 for tenants and from 1 April 2020 for leaseholders. Average weekly general needs charges are £9.23 per week (leaseholders 223 Agenda Item 14 £18.19 per week, equivalent) and, for sheltered accommodation, £6.84 per week.</p> <p>D Rents for garages held within the category 'Retain and Invest' as defined in the 'Garages and Hardstanding Improvement Strategy 2015' will increase by five per cent, to £10.67 per week (for a standard garage) and proportionate increases for other garages, car ports and car spaces from 1 April 2020, as set out in paragraphs 35 and 36 of the report.</p> <p>E Housing related support charges are as set out in paragraphs 17 to 19 and Table 1 of the report are approved for service users with effect from 6 April 2020.</p>				

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	<p>F Other Leasehold charges set out in paragraphs 25 and 37 of the report are approved with effect from 6 April 2020.</p> <p>G Other Tenant charges are set out in paragraphs 38 and 39 of the report and are approved with effect from 1 April 2020.</p> <p>H The growth items outlined in paragraph 42 of the report in respect of 2020/21 are approved.</p> <p>I The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget (attached as set out in Appendix A to the report) is approved.</p> <p>J The minimum HRA working balance shall be £4 million as at 31 March 2021.</p>				
A15	<p><u>Capital and Treasury Report 2020</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p>	<p>A The Capital Strategy Report 2020/21 (attached as Appendix A to the report) covers the requirements of</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:</p> <p>A The following Capital and Treasury Reports be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Capital Strategy Report (attached as Appendix A to the report). ii) The Capital Programme Strategy Statement 2020/21 (attached as Appendix B to the report). iii) The Investment Strategy Report 2020/21 (attached as Appendix D to the report). iv) The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2020/21 (attached as Appendix E to the report). <p>B The proposed revised Treasury</p>	<p>the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code 2017, including the prudential indicators. The report should be approved by Full Council before the start of the new financial year.</p> <p>B The Capital Programme Strategy Statement 2020/21 (attached as Appendix B to the report) is provided within this report to provide context for capital investment explained elsewhere. Specifically, for 2020/21, it sets out the Council's programme for building council homes.</p> <p>C The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020/21 (attached as Appendix C to the report) covers the requirements of the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2017, including</p>			

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	<p>Management Strategy Statement 2020/21 (attached as Appendix C to the report) be approved for implementation with effect from 1 April 2020.</p>	<p>the treasury management indicators.</p> <p>D The Investment Strategy Report 2020/21 (attached as Appendix D to the report) covers the requirements of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Investment Guidance 2018, including the investment indicators.</p> <p>E The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2020/21 (attached as Appendix E to the report) covers the requirements of the MHCLG Guidance on Minimum Revenue Provision.</p>			
A16	<p><u>Capital Programmes 2019/20 - 2021/22</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p>	<p>A Approval of Council's Capital Programmes is reserved for Full Council. Such programmes are necessary for the</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:</p> <p>Housing Capital Programme</p> <p>A The Housing Capital Programme 2019/20 revised outturn of £23,005,000, as set out in Table 2 of the report is noted.</p> <p>B The Housing Capital programme 2020/21 of £27,739,000, as set out in Table 5 of the report is approved, including £10.2 million of external borrowing in 2020/21 and a further £8.7 million in the following two years to support building council homes. Total borrowing £18.9 million.</p> <p>Non Housing Capital Programme</p> <p>C The revised Non Housing Capital Programme 2019/20 of £13,738,000, as set out in</p>	<p>achievement of the Council's priorities and fulfilment of health and safety requirements.</p> <p>B To enable Officers to make long term effective planning, procurement and resourcing decisions to deliver these programmes.</p>			

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	<p>Table 6 of the report is noted.</p> <p>D The Non Housing Capital Programme for 2020/21 £11,048,000 including the Enterprise Zone (Modus), £5,363,000, and Elm Hatch £1,185,000, as set out in Table 10 of the report is approved.</p> <p>E External borrowing of £13.8 million is approved to support the Non Housing Capital Programme in 2020/21 and a further £10.2 million in respect of the Housing Capital Programme.</p>				
A17	<p><u>Debt Write Offs</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A Irrecoverable non domestic rates amounting to £500,373.19 (as set out in Appendix A to the report) be</p>	<p>A The Cabinet's approval is required to write off irrecoverable debts.</p>	None	None	Yes

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