

DECISION NOTICE (date 26 January 2017)
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This document lists the decisions taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on Thursday, 26 January 2017. 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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A11	<p><u>Corporate Plan 2017/18</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that it was recommended to Full Council that</p> <p>A The updates to the Corporate Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20, which was appended to the report, be 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>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
A12	<p><u>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 - 2020/21</u></p>	<p>To enable Cabinet to consider the current factors</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that it was recommended to Full Council that</p> <p>A The Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2017/18 to 2020/21 be adopted.</p> <p>B The proposals in relation to reserves as set out in this report at paragraphs 24 to 25 and contained within Section 8 of the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved.</p> <p>C The planned increases in Council Tax as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved.</p>	<p>influencing the four year Medium Term Financial Plan and agree the financial strategy for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21 in support of the overall financial plans of the Council over that period and the delivery of its priorities.</p>			
A13	<p><u>General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that it was recommended to Full Council that:</p>	<p>The Council must approve an annual budget and recommend a Council Tax charge for the forthcoming year under Government guidelines and current legislation.</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>A The General Fund estimates for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.</p> <p>B The proposed transfers between the General Fund and Earmarked Reserves, referred to in paragraphs 20 and 24 of the report and set out in Appendix C to the report, be approved.</p> <p>C The proposed Fees and Charges, as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.</p> <p>D The Pay Policy Statement, as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.</p> <p>E The Council's Band D Council Tax for 2017/18 is set at £272.28, which represents a 1.99 percent increase compared to the Band D Council Tax for 2016/17.</p>				

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A14	<p><u>Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2016-2046</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that it was recommended to Full Council that:</p> <p>A The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.</p> <p>B Authority be delegated to the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, to make minor amendments to the Plan.</p>	<p>The HRA Business Plan 2016-2046 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>	None	None	No
A15	<p><u>Housing Revenue Account Budget 2017/18</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that it was recommended to Full Council that:</p> <p>A The rent reductions for individual dwellings as set out</p>	<p>The report sets out the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2017/18 and forecast outturn for the current year together with the information necessary to set a balanced budget as required by legislation.</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>in paragraph 13 of the report be effective from 3 April 2017. This equates to an average weekly rent of £91.73, a statutory reduction of one percent.</p> <p>B Service charges for individual dwellings, as set out in paragraphs 15 to 20 of the report, effective from 3 April 2017 for tenants and 1 April 2017 for leaseholders. This equates to an average weekly service charge to tenants of £1.97.</p> <p>C Heating charges as set out in paragraphs 29 to 36 of the report, effective from 3 April 2017 for tenants and 1 April 2017 for leaseholders. Average weekly general needs charges are £7.20 per week (leaseholders £14.83 per week, equivalent) and, for sheltered accommodation, £6.63 per week.</p>				

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	<p>D Garage rents are increased by five percent, to £9.22 per week (for a standard garage) and proportionate increases for other garages, car ports and car spaces, from 3 April 2017, as set out in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the report.</p> <p>E Housing related support charges as set out in paragraphs 21 to 27 and Table 2 of the report. For service users effective from 1 April 2017.</p> <p>F Other charges are increased, as set out in paragraphs 28 and 39 of the report, with effect from 1 April 2017.</p> <p>G The growth and savings outlined in paragraphs 40 and 41 of the report in respect of 2017/18 be approved.</p> <p>H The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget as set out at Appendix A of the report be</p>				

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	<p>approved.</p> <p>I A minimum HRA working balance of £4,327,000 at 31 March 2017, rising to £4,436,000 at 1 April 2017, as set out in paragraph 42 and Appendix C to the report, be agreed.</p>				
A16	<p><u>Capital Programmes 2016/17 - 2021/2022</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that it was recommended to Full Council that</p> <p><i>Housing Capital Programme</i></p> <p>A The Housing Capital programme 2017/18 be approved, as set out in Appendices A and B to the report.</p> <p>B The forecast programme for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22</p>	<p>A Full Council must approve the Council's Capital Programmes. Such programmes are necessary for the 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>	None	None	No

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	<p>be noted, as set out in Appendices A and B to the report.</p> <p>C The Housing Capital Programme 2016/17 revised outturn be approved.</p> <p><i>Non Housing Capital Programme</i></p> <p>D The revised Non Housing Capital Programme 2016/17 is approved, as set out in paragraphs 19 to 30.</p> <p>E The Non Housing Capital Programme for 2017/18 is approved, as set out in Appendices C and D to the report.</p> <p>F Aggregate borrowing of £7.42 million up to 31 March 2017 and a further £1.602 million, in 2017/18 be approved to support the Non Housing Capital Programme.</p> <p>G The Non Housing Capital</p>				

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	Programme forecast for 2018/19 to 2021/22 be noted, as set out in Appendices C and D to the report.				
A17	<p><u>Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/18</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that the proposed revised Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/18 (attached as Appendix A to the report) be approved for implementation with immediate effect, including specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Prudential Indicators (set out in Annex C of the Statement). ii. The Treasury Management Indicators (set out in paragraphs 61 to 64 of the Statement). iii. The approved counterparty 	<p>A Statutory DCLG Guidance and CIPFA Codes of Practice on Treasury Management and Prudential Borrowing require councils to determine a Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential (and Treasury Management) Indicators on an annual basis.</p> <p>B The lending list methodology requires regular review by Full Council because it steers a major risk aspect of the Council's operational investment decisions.</p> <p>C DCLG Regulations have been issued which</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>methodology (set out in paragraphs 42 to 60 of the Statement).</p> <p>iv. The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement (set out in Annex D of the Statement).</p> <p>v. The reporting arrangements (set out in Annex E of the Statement).</p>	<p>require the Full Council to approve a Statement of Minimum Revenue Provision in advance of each year.</p> <p>D Treasury management reporting arrangements are an important aspect governed by DCLG guidance and influenced by the CIPFA Code.</p> <p>E The Council is required by DCLG guidance to report on its policy for borrowing in advance of need.</p> <p>F In the same way as E above, the Annual Investment Strategy determines the direction of travel for borrowing in the coming year and reflects the Council's preferred approach to investment and associated risk.</p>			