



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), J Chesworth, M Cook, S Doyle and J Oates

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Stefan Garner (Executive Director Finance), Sarah McGrandle (Assistant Director Operations and Leisure), Anna Miller (Assistant Director – Growth & Regeneration), Lynne Pugh (Assistant Director Finance), Paul Weston (Assistant Director Assets), Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues) and Richard Powell (Planning Policy and Delivery Officer)

54 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor J Chesworth)

55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

56 QUESTION TIME:

None

57 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES

None

58 DRAFT BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21

The Report of the Leader of the Council to approve the draft package of budget proposals (**attached at Appendix A**) to consult with the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Budget) on 29th January 2020 and receive their feedback on the:

- General Fund Revenue (GF) Budget and Council Tax for 2020/21;

- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2020/21;
- Capital Programme – General Fund & HRA;
- Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

RESOLVED

1

That:

Cabinet approved the draft package of budget proposals including the proposed policy changes (as detailed at Appendix B);and

2

As required by the Constitution of the Council, the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Budget) on 29th January 2020 is requested to consider the budget proposals contained within this report.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

59 BUSINESS RATES INCOME FORECAST 2020/21

The Portfolio Holder for Assets and Finance reported and sought endorsement from Members on the Business Rates income forecast for 2020/21.

RESOLVED

That Members:

1

Approved the Business Rates income forecast for 2020/2021 and Subsequent NNDR1 form for submission to MHCLG by 31 January 2020, in line with the scheme of delegation.

2

Should material amendments be required to the forecast NNDR1, Cabinet authorised the Executive Director Finance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make such required amendments as necessary; and

3

Noted discretionary relief granted to qualifying bodies in line with the existing policy.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

60 LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Portfolio Holder for Regulatory & Community Safety seeks Cabinet approval to submit comments in response to Lichfield District Council's Local Plan Review - Preferred Options consultation on behalf Tamworth Borough Council.

RESOLVED

That:

- 1 Cabinet noted the policies and proposals contained within the Lichfield District Council Local Plan Review 2018-2040 - Preferred Options document; and
- 2 Cabinet approved the comments to be made to Lichfield District Council in response to the consultation as set out in Appendix 1.

(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

61 PROVISION OF FIREWORKS

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Operational Services updated Cabinet on the current situation regarding the Fireworks Tender and sought approval to progress the award

RESOLVED

That:

- 1 Cabinet approved the decision to tender for fireworks for a five year period
- 2 Cabinet delegated authority to the Assistant Director, Operations and Leisure in conjunction with the Theatre, Artistic and Events Manager to enter into contract with the most advantageous tenderer as detailed within the report

(Moved by Councillor J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

62 WILD ABOUT TAMWORTH SERVICE

The Portfolio Holder for Culture & Operational Services sought approval to invite tenders for the renewal of the Wild about Tamworth service and tender award

RESOLVED

That:

- 1 Cabinet approved the decision to tender the Wild About Tamworth service for a further five years (plus the option for one further year, if required)
- 2 Cabinet delegated authority to award the contract for the most economically advantageous contractor to the Assistant Director Operations and Leisure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture & Operational Services

(Moved by Councillor J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

63 VIREMENT OF HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL BUDGETS

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Communities sought approval to Vire Budgets within the Housing Revenue Account capital programme to allow identified underspends to be used to acquire additional properties under the Housing Acquisitions Programme

RESOLVED That Cabinet Members approved the following Budget Virement:

- Reduction of the of the following budgets totalling £1,500,000:-
 - a) Other Regeneration [CR7003] £900,000
 - b) Structural [CR2001] £100,000
 - c) Heating [CR2003] £150,000
 - d) Neighbourhood Regeneration [CR2007] £250,000
 - e) Rewiring [CR2009] £100,000
- Increase the Housing Acquisitions Budget [CR7004] by £1,500,000 from the under spends identified above.

(Moved by Councillor M Cook and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

64 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That members of the press and public be now excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

65 DEVELOPMENT OF SITE IN CALEDONIAN FOR COUNCIL HOUSING

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Communities, sets out proposals for the development of a new Council Housing scheme on the site of the former Housing Caretakers depot

The report sets out the options considered complete with estimated costs and viability opinions and further seeks approval to move forward with formal consultation, planning applications, procurement and construction.

The report sets out an anticipated programme for the delivery of this project.

RESOLVED That Cabinet Members approved the following:

- 1 Commencement of formal consultation with local residents
- 2 That authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Communities to determine the most viable option to take forward as a scheme.
- 3 Preparation of detailed plans and submission for planning consent. Subject to Planning Consent being granted and subject to approval of the Capital programme by Council in February 2020.
- 4 Procurement of a contractor for the delivery of the development using the most appropriate form of procurement
- 5 It is recommended that authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Communities to award contracts for the development of the preferred scheme.
- 6 Approved one further recommendation contained within the report

(Moved by Councillor M Cook and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

Leader