

# **Managing Director Decision Notice**



In accordance with Rule 26.22 of the Constitution the Managing Director (having carried out a prior risk assessment) made the decision, in consultation with members of the Cabinet, to hold the Cabinet meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 virtually.

The following decisions were made in accordance with emergency powers granted to the Managing Director to implement the decisions made at that Cabinet meeting in consultation with Councillors Forward, Barnett, Batsford, Chowney, Evans, Rogers and Webb

The reasons for the decisions are set out in the Cabinet minutes for that date.

## **Item 5**

**Report:** Budget and Corporate Plan consultation response and draft Corporate Plan update 2022/23

**Report Author:** Jane Hartnell, Managing Director

**Decision Type:** Cabinet recommendation to Full Council

## **Decision:**

- 1. That Cabinet recommends to Full Council, to note and approve the draft annual update to the corporate plan 2020-24.**
- 2. That delegated authority be given to the Managing Director, after consultation with the Leader of the Council to make further revisions as is considered necessary.**
- 3. That all those who submitted views as part of the consultation process be thanked for their contributions.**

**The Councillors present voted unanimously in favour to approve the recommendations in the report.**



## **Item 6**

**Report:** Treasury Management, Annual Investment Strategy and Capital Strategy 2022/23

**Report Author:** Peter Grace, Chief Finance Officer

**Decision Type:** Cabinet recommendation to Full Council

### **Decision:**

**Cabinet recommend to Full Council that:**

**A. The Council approve the Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy, Annual investment Strategy and the Capital Strategy.**

**B. The strategies listed are updated as necessary during 2022/23 in the light changing and emerging risks and the Council's evolving future expenditure plans.**

**C. The Financial Rules and the Financial Operating Procedures of the Council are reviewed and revised as necessary to meet the requirements of the Code of Practice.**

**The Councillors present voted unanimously in favour to approve the recommendations in the report.**

## **Item 7**

**Report:** Revenue Budget 2021/22 Revised and 2022/23, plus Capital Programme 2022/23-2024/2025

**Report Author:** Peter Grace, Chief Finance Officer

**Decision Type:** Cabinet recommendation to Full Council

### **Decision:**

**Cabinet recommends that Full Council:-**

**(i) Approve the revised revenue budget for 2021/22 (Appendix A).**

**(ii) Approve the draft 2022/23 revenue budget (Appendix A)**

**(iii) Approve a 1.99% increase in the Borough Council's part of the Council Tax.**

**(iv) Agree that the absolute minimum level of reserves that shall be retained is £6m (plus General Fund Balance) and that if reserves look to fall below this level urgent action be taken to limit this and restore the reserves as soon as possible to recommended levels; and that Full Council be advised of the actions being taken.**

**(v) Approve the Capital Programme 2021/22 (revised) to 2024/25 (Appendix P).**

**(vi) Approve the proposed expenditure from the Renewal and Repairs Reserve, and Information Technology Reserve (Appendices J and I respectively) and those items from other reserves shown in Appendix H that can proceed without further reference to Cabinet or Council.**

**(vii) Approve that the use of the limited monies in the budget and Reserves for "Invest to Save" schemes be determined by the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the lead member for Finance**

**(viii) Agree again that the Council does not seek to undertake any capital project/scheme purely for yield that would prevent the Council from borrowing either commercially or from the PWLB to fund its Capital programme.**

**(ix) Approve the revised Land and Property Disposal Programme (Appendix L) and agree that disposals can be brought forward if market conditions make it sensible to do so.**

**(x) Agree that where a Capital scheme involves a net increase in overall revenue costs to the Council, or where any guarantee is to be provided which does, or could, incur costs for the Council, such decisions continue to be made by full Council.**

**(xi) Agree that, no Council properties or land be disposed of, either by sale or lease, at less than market value without further express approval by Full Council - except where the lease is no longer than 5 years and the difference is less than £5,000 p.a. in which case Cabinet will have the authority to determine.**

**(xii) Agree that schemes marked with an asterisk in the Capital Programme can proceed without further reference to Cabinet or Council.**

**(xiii) Agree that work on Priority Income and Efficiency Reviews (PIER) through the**

**Strategic Oversight and Planning Board should continue, and where possible identify a sustainable budget for a period in excess of one year. A mid-year review, for members and officers, to be undertaken in the light of the continuing severe financial pressures.**

**(xiv) Approve the detailed recommendations in Appendix M, which relate to the setting of Council Tax in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Act 1992 (Appendix M – to be provided/updated for full Council).**

**(xv) Approve that the budget be amended as necessary to reflect the final grant figures including Disabled Facility Grants - once received.**

**(xvi) Full Council adopt the existing Council Tax Support Scheme subject to amendments to allowances in line with national changes. Determination of the allowances to be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in line with prior year practice.**

**(xvii) It is recommended that the Council reviews the affordability of the Council Tax Support Scheme during the early part of 2022/23 in order for a consultation exercise to be undertaken.**

**(xviii) A task force be set up urgently to help identify and make recommendations to Council on alternative options to control, and reduce, spiralling Temporary Accommodation costs.**

**The Councillors present voted unanimously in favour to approve the recommendations in the report.**

Signed



Jane Hartnell  
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