

# CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 15 December 2015



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 15 December 2015** :-

## 2. NEW HOMES BONUS DECISION REPORT

### (a) Decision(s)

That the recommendations of the informal New Homes Bonus Panel, as set out in the Appendix to the Cabinet report, be approved.

(Note: The Committee report can be accessed at <http://democracy.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/documents/s2983/NHB%20Decisions%20Report%20Cabinet%20-%20Dec%202015.pdf>)

### (b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

The attached Appendix contains the rationale for the recommendations to Cabinet.

### (c) Alternative Option(s) Considered

Whether or not to fund the applications and if so, at what level.

### (d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services.

### (e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensation(s)

As a Buckingham Town Councillor, Councillor Mordue declared a prejudicial interest in this item as a number of the applications had been submitted by the Town Council. Councillor Mordue left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed. The Item was presented by the Leader of the Council.

## 3. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2015-18

**(a) Decision(s)**

- (1) That the Annual Health and Safety Performance report, covering the 12 months period up to 31 March, 2015, be noted.
- (2) That the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Strategy 2015 – 2018, attached to the Cabinet report, be approved and adopted.

**(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

To ensure a consistent approach to addressing health, safety and wellbeing risks across the Council.

**(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered**

Not to adopt the Strategy. However this would be inconsistent with the identification by the Council of health and safety as one of the top organisational risks.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. The Cabinet report has already been considered by that Committee which endorsed the approach being taken.

**(e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensation(s)**

None.

**4. BUDGET PLANNING 2016/17 AND BEYOND (INITIAL PROPOSALS)**

**(a) Decision(s)**

- (1) That the following, relating to the budget for 2016/2017 and the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), be approved for consideration by the Finance and Services Scrutiny Committee:-
  - (a) To take into budget planning the £1.953 million of realised savings as set out in paragraph 4.6 of the Cabinet report (available to view on the Council's web site).
  - (b) To increase Council Tax by an annual amount equal to £2.71 for a Band D property, equivalent to 1.99% from 1 April, 2016.
  - (c) To agree to use or contribute to balances any difference created within the budget arising from the Government's grant settlement figures being different from that assumed within the Cabinet report.
  - (d) To agree the revised list of fees and charges attached as Appendix E to the Cabinet report.
- (2) That no change be made in the current year's level of Band D Special Expenses charge for Aylesbury Town for 2016/2017.
- (3) That a sum of £600,000 be ring fenced from General Working Balances to fund the AVDC change programme and that the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Compliance be given delegated authority to approve a

budgetary framework and allocations form within this sum.

**(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

The Council is required to set a budget for the next financial year and to maintain a financial plan for succeeding years.

**(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered**

The Cabinet report contained details of the key elements of choice within the budget proposals.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. Cabinet's proposals will be considered by the Scrutiny Committee whose views will be taken into account as part of the formulation of final proposals for recommendation to Council. As such, Cabinet's decisions at this stage are not subject to call-in.

**(e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensation(s)**

None.

## **CALL-IN TIMESCALES**

Any requests for call-in must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 5pm on Thursday 24 December, 2015. The request must be made by the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee or any 3 Members of that Scrutiny Committee.

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