

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 8 November 2016



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 8 November 2016** :-

1. AVDC COMMUNITIES TEAM

(a) Decision(s)

That, having noted the position concerning “Play around the Parishes” and the purple flag scheme, the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities, Leisure and Civic Amenities, be authorised to implement the proposals set out in the Appendix attached to the Cabinet report.

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

To accord with the Council’s decision to operate in a commercial manner, mitigating the significant reductions in Central Government support by a combination of efficiency savings, income generation and new ways of delivering services which do not require direct Council resource input.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

To continue to provide services in the traditional manner, but this is not an option in the current and likely continuing severe financial climate and the Council needs to explore all the options for on-going service delivery.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living. That Committee has already had an opportunity to consider this matter and was supportive of the proposals. However, the Committee asked that Equality Impact Assessments be carried out in respect of the services in question. These had subsequently been carried out and the outcome was summarised in the Cabinet report. Cabinet noted that it had been concluded that AVDC should continue to offer the “Play Around the Parishes” scheme, although continue to examine alternative means of funding, and the “Purple Flag” accreditation.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

2. DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2017/2018

(a) Decision(s)

That the approach proposed in the Cabinet report for developing the 2017/2018 budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved.

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

The Council is required to set a budget for the forthcoming financial year. The decisions will feed into the Medium Term Financial Plan within the context of planning future years' expenditure.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

None as such. There will be a range of options going forward as more detailed information becomes available in relation to key invariables.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. This is the first stage in the development of the budget for 2017/2018 and gives a high level overview of the key factors that will affect the final proposals, which will in due course be subject to scrutiny by the Committee.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

3. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

(a) Decision(s)

That Council be recommended to opt in to the Appointing Person arrangements made by the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors.

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

A sector wide procurement conducted by the PSAA is likely to produce better outcomes for the Council than any procurement exercise undertaken by the Council itself. Use of the PSAA will also be less resource intensive than establishing an auditor panel and the Council conducting its own procurement.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

To establish an auditor appointment panel with the Council conducting its own procurement. However as mentioned above this would be much more resource intensive, and without the bulk buying power of the sector led procurement process, would be likely to result in a more costly service.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. However, as the recommendation will be submitted to full Council, it is not subject to call-in. (A report has also been prepared for the Audit Committee)

(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 17 November 2016. 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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