

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 10 January 2017



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 10 January 2017** :-

1. DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2017/18

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That the Finance and Services Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its input to the budget planning process.
- (2) That Council be recommended to increase Council Tax by £5 (3.59%) in respect of a Band D property from 1 April, 2017.
- (3) That Council be recommended to approve the budget for 2017/2018 and the Medium Term Financial Plan as set out in summary form in Appendix A to the Cabinet report.
- (4) That the revised list of fees and charges (taken into the final calculations) attached to the Cabinet report be agreed.
- (5) That Council be recommended to approve Aylesbury Special Expenditure totalling £845,800, supported by a precept of £45, which represents a Council Tax freeze for Special Expenses (as set out in Appendix F to the Cabinet report).

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

The Council is statutorily required to set a budget for 2017/2018 and plan for expenditure in subsequent years based upon the Medium Term Financial Plan.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

The development of the initial proposals has involved a number of key elements of choice as set out in previous reports and the latest report submitted to Cabinet, which reflects the Government Grant settlement numbers.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. That Committee's comments were reported to Cabinet by the Committee Chairman and were taken into account in reaching the recommendations indicated above (as set out in the Cabinet Minutes). Cabinet's final recommendations will now be submitted to Council and as such are not subject to call-in.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

2. TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY 2017-2022

(a) Decision(s)

That Council be recommended to approve the Connected Knowledge – Technology Strategy 2017 – 2022.

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

The rationale for this is contained within the Strategy document, which has been posted on the Council's web site as part of the Cabinet agenda.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

None.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. That Committee considered the Strategy at its meeting on 1 December, 2016. The Committee made a number of observations which were summarised separately as part of the Cabinet report. The Committee Chairman attended the meeting to elaborate upon the Committee's deliberations.

Cabinet noted that the majority of the Committee's comments related to the implementation of the Strategy and not the direction or approach set out in the Strategy document. The Scrutiny Committee had been assured that before implementing any of the changes the issues raised be addressed or were already in hand to ensure that they were satisfactorily resolved.

In thanking the Committee for its input, Cabinet was satisfied that the Strategy could be recommended for approval by the Council.

As the matter will be considered by Council, the above recommendations are not subject to call-in.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

5. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

(a) Decision(s)

That AVDC's Equality Report for 2016 be approved for publication in order to meet the Council's statutory duty.

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

This is a statutory requirement.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

None.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. That Committee considered the Strategy at its meeting on 9 January, 2017. The Committee Chairman attended the meeting to elaborate upon the Committee's deliberations. Cabinet took the Scrutiny Committee's views into account in reaching the decision in (a) above.

(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 19 January 2017. 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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