

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Wednesday 20 December 2017



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Wednesday 20 December 2017** :-

1. **CONNECTED KNOWLEDGE INVESTMENT PROPOSAL**

(a) **Decision(s)**

That provision be made as part of budget planning for £1.53m from the unallocated balance of the New Homes Bonus funding for 2017/18, to be made available for investment in the next phase of the Connected Knowledge programme as specified in the Cabinet report. (This decision was replicated following the consideration given to initial budget proposals for 2018/19, referred to elsewhere in this Decision Notice)

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

To enable the Council to proceed with implementation of the next phase of the programme.

(c) **Alternative Options Considered**

Not to fund the next phase but this would be contrary to the Council's previous decision to deliver a leading edge, forward thinking platform to enable AVDC to develop customer first processes.

(d) **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. The detail of the proposal would form part of the budget options report to be considered by that Committee at its January meeting, and call-in is therefore unnecessary.

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

None.

2. DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2018/19

(a) Decision(s)

That the following be approved for the purposes of scrutiny in relation to budget proposals for 2018/19 and the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP):-

- (1) To take into budget planning the £2.63m of proposed savings as set out in the Cabinet report.
- (2) To take into budget planning the £2.60m of forecast pressures as set out in the Cabinet report.
- (3) To increase council tax by an annual amount equal to £5 (3.48%) for a Band D property (equivalent to less than 10p per week), with effect from 1 April, 2018.
- (4) To continue work on the development of the budget proposals and for any net variance resulting to be either added to, or deducted from General Fund Balances.
- (5) That the schedule of fees and charges attached to the Cabinet report be approved.
- (6) To approve the use of £1.53m from the New Homes Bonus reserve to meet the costs of the Connected Knowledge programme in 2018/19.
- (7) That the level of the Band D Special Expenses charge for 2018/19 should remain unchanged.

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

The Council is required to set a budget for the next financial year and to formulate expenditure/income proposals for subsequent years as part of the review of the Medium term Financial Plan.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

None.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. The initial budget proposals will be considered by the Committee at its meeting in January, 2018, and call-in is therefore unnecessary.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

4. CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE 2018/19-2021/22

(a) Decision(s)

That the Capital Programme as presented to Cabinet be approved for the purposes of scrutiny.

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

The Council reviews the capital resource position at regular intervals to assess the need for any adjustment having regard to the timing and amount of capital receipts available.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

None.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. The Capital Programme will be considered by the Committee at its meeting in January, 2018, and call-in is therefore unnecessary.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

CALL-IN TIMESCALES

All of the above-mentioned decisions form part of the budget options report that will be considered by the Finance and Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 8 January 2018. As such, they are not subject to call-in.

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