

# Chiltern District Council

## Cabinet Decision

Notice is given that the following decisions have been taken by Cabinet on Tuesday, 5 February 2019

### 7 **Budget and Council Tax Report 2019/20**

#### **(a) DECISION:**

Members of the Cabinet received a report providing information regarding the Council's revenue budget for 2019/20 which would form the basis of setting the Council Tax. The Cabinet were therefore asked to recommend to Full Council that the budget be agreed at the Council meeting on 26 February 2019.

#### **RECOMMENDED to Council**

##### **Revenue Budget 2019/20**

- 1. That the revenue budget for 2019/20 be approved, as summarised in the table in paragraph 4.13.**
- 2. That the following use of earmarked reserves for 2019/20 be agreed:**

- Local Development Plan	<b>£217k</b>
- Planning Digitalisation	<b>£81k</b>
- Economic Development Reserve	<b>£62k</b>
- Waste Efficiency Reserve	<b>£66k</b>
- Leisure Fund	<b>£50k</b>
- 3. That the following additions to earmarked reserves for 2019/20 be agreed:**

- Capital – Funding replacement refuse vehicles	<b>£394k</b>
- Capital – Funding of capital programme	<b>£189k</b>
- 4. That the creation of a new earmarked reserve of £1,995k for unitary implementation costs be agreed. Part of this reserve will be drawn down in 2019/20 after approval by the Shadow Authority.**
- 5. That the creation of a new earmarked reserve for community projects be agreed, with the amount to be confirmed at the Full Council meeting on 26 February 2019.**
- 6. That a budget requirement of £10,910k be approved, which will result in a District council tax of £186.30 for a Band D property.**

7. That the level of fees and charges for 2019/20 (Appendix C) be agreed with the proviso pre-planning charges remain unchanged prior to a detailed review.
8. That the advice of the Director of Resources (Appendix A) be noted.

### **And RESOLVED**

#### **Setting the Council Tax**

9. That this report be made available to all Members of the Council in advance of the Council Tax setting meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February, and a final report produced for the Council meeting incorporating the information from preceptors, and the final decisions of the Cabinet on the budget.

#### **Medium Term Financial Strategy**

10. To note the comments in the report on the Council's financial position in respect of the years following 2019/20.

#### **(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Cabinet is required to recommend to Council a budget as the basis of setting the District element of the council tax. The information within the report will be the basis for the whole Council taking the decisions on the council tax, and this is why the report will be made available to all members.

#### **(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The report set out the position based on increasing the district element of the council tax to £186.30 (a 3% increase).

There was the option of not increasing the council tax, or increasing at a lower level. There was also the option of increasing the council tax by more than the referendum threshold of 3%.

#### **(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

8 **Capital Strategy, Capital Programme 2019/20 - 2023/24 and Repairs & Renewals Programme 2019/20 - 2023/24**

**(a) DECISION:**

The Cabinet were asked to consider, and recommend to Council for approval, the Capital Programme, which identified Council projects by Portfolio Area, and the Repairs & Renewals Programme, that outlined planned maintenance for the Council's assets, both for the period 2019/20 to 2023/24. The report also referred to the Capital Strategy which described how the Council would use and manage its capital resources to progress key Council priorities.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

- 1. That the Capital Strategy, including the Capital Programme for 2019/20 – 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A, be approved.**
- 2. That the Repairs and Renewals Programme for 2019/20 – 2023/24, as set out in Appendix B, be approved.**

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

As part of the Council's budget process the Capital Programme was reviewed in order to assess, as part of the overall financial strategy of the Authority, what the scale and composition of the programme should be and the consequential funding implications for the financial strategy.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

There was the option to suggest amendments to the Capital Strategy, including the Capital Programme and the Repairs and Renewals Programme when making recommendations to Council.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

## 9 Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20

### **(a) DECISION:**

The Cabinet were asked to consider a report that recommended that the Annual Treasury Management Strategy be approved and adopted by the Council. The Council was required to produce this document annually to show how it managed its cash reserves for investment purposes.

### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

**That the Treasury Management Strategy, including the following appendices to the Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix 1), be adopted by the Council:**

- **Appendix 1A - Annual Investment Strategy Policies**
- **Appendix 1B - Prudential Indicators including the borrowing limits**
- **Appendix 1C - the MRP method to be used in 2019/20.**

### **(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Council was required to formally review its treasury management policies each year as part of determining what level of returns would be achieved from investments. The format of the treasury management policies is defined by the Code of Practice adopted by the Council, and was required to be approved by the Council on recommendation from the Cabinet.

### **(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The framework set by the Code of Practice meant that options effectively related to the judgements and risk assessments made when finalising the Strategy around likely returns, counterparty risks, and liquidity issues related to the level of available cash balances.

### **(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

## 11 **SLA Funding for Voluntary Sector (1)**

### **(a) DECISION:**

Members of the Cabinet considered a report which sought agreement to award community grant funding for a three year period, subject to a signed service level agreement with Chilterns Dial a Ride to provide transportation for vulnerable persons.

### **RESOLVED**

**That community grant funding of £23,500 per annum for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 be agreed, subject to a signed service level agreement with Chilterns Dial a Ride to provide access to transport by vulnerable persons.**

### **(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

To support the provision of transport services for use by vulnerable persons in the Chiltern District.

### **(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

- To award three year funding of £20,200
- To award an alternative level of funding
- To award funding for a shorter period
- To discontinue funding a grant award to Chilterns Dial a Ride.

### **(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

## 12 **SLA Funding for Voluntary Sector (2)**

### **(a) DECISION:**

Members of the Cabinet received a report which sought agreement to the continued funding to Buckinghamshire County Council to provide the voluntary sector infrastructure support contract within Chiltern District and the wider Buckinghamshire area. The contract was delivered by Community Impact Bucks.

## RESOLVED

**That continued funding for 2019/20 of £15,270 to Buckinghamshire County Council be agreed, to provide the voluntary sector infrastructure support contract within Chiltern District and the wider Buckinghamshire area.**

### **(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

To agree the continued development of the voluntary sector infrastructure support within the Chiltern District and the wider Buckinghamshire area.

### **(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

- To award an alternative level of funding for 2019/20
- To discontinue funding

### **(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

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