

CABINET

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 12 February 2015. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES 2015-2020

Cabinet **RECOMMENDED** to Council that the Corporate Plan setting out the Council's vision, objectives and actions for 2015-2020, and incorporating key performance measures under each aim, be approved as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

Other Options Considered: Cabinet could have recommended the Corporate Plan as presented, or agreed changes.

Reason For Decision: Reasons for the decision are set out in the body of the report.

2. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2015-16 INCLUDING COUNCIL TAX SETTING), HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (INCLUDING HOUSING RENTS), CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16-2019/20, LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (REVISED 2014/15 AND 2015/16)

Cabinet **RECOMMENDED** to Council:

- (a) Approval of the Capital Programme and the associated funding up to the year ending 31 March 2020 as set out in Appendix A1 of the report.
- (b) Approval of the revenue estimates for 2015-16 in the General Fund summary as set out in the revised version of Appendix B1 included as part of the supplementary agenda and circulated at the meeting.
- (c) Approval of the precautionary items for the General Fund, as set out in Appendix B2 of the report.
- (d) Approval of the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the General Fund, as set out in Appendix B3(A) of the report, based on the assumptions contained within the report.

- (e) Approval of the fees and charges proposed for 2015-16 as set out in Appendix B4, including those relating to the planning pre-application service.
- (f) That the Executive Management Team be instructed to identify additional income or savings of £670,000 from 2015-16.
- (g) That the Council Tax requirement for 2015-16 is £7,478,550.
- (h) That the Council sets the amount of Council Tax for each of the relevant categories of dwelling in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 on the basis of a District Council Tax for general expenses on a Band D property of £125.31 plus the relevant amounts required by the precepts of Parish Councils, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Cambridgeshire Fire Authority, details of those precepts and their effect to be circulated with the formal resolution required at the Council meeting.
- (i) Approval of the Housing Revenue Account estimates and the rent increase for the financial year ending 31 March 2016, as set out in Appendices C and C1 of the report, with the rent increase being in accordance with rent restructuring guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government.
- (j) Approval of the service and other charges for housing services for the financial year ending 31 March 2016 as set out in Appendix C2 of the report.
- (k) Approval of the Housing Revenue Account business plan summary for the next 30 years to 31 March 2045 as set out in Appendix C3 of the report.
- (l) Approval of the Borrowing and Investment Strategy for the year to 31 March 2016 as set out in Appendix D1 of the report.
- (m) Approval of the prudential indicators required by the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities for the year to 31 March 2016 as set out in Appendix D2 of the report.
- (n) That the Executive Director (Corporate Services) be given delegated authority to issue the final version of the Estimates Book, incorporating the amendments required from the Council's decisions.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in paragraphs 12 to 16 of the report.

Reason For Decision: Reasons for these decisions are set out in paragraphs 4 to 7 of the report.

3. POSITION STATEMENT: FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND RISK 2014/15 Q3

Cabinet:

- (a) Noted the Council's provisional outturn position, together with the performance and risk matters set out in the report, and **APPROVED** the virement of £20,000 to the Community Chest.
- (b) **APPROVED** the Strategic Risk Register and Matrix set out in Appendices D to E of the report.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the body of the report.

Reason For Decision: The Strategic Risk Register and Matrix forms the record of corporate risks the Council currently faces in the achievement of strategic aims and the delivery of services, together with control measures to address sources of assurance over the risks.

Cabinet agreed to the virement of £20,000 to the Community Chest due to the additional income received as a result of planning application income for solar farm proposals.