

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2018

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 22 February 2018. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Democratic Services.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY AND CONDITIONS

Council

AGREED

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and Conditions, as recommended by the Licensing Committee, be approved and adopted with effect from 1 April 2018.

CORPORATE PLAN 2018

Council

AGREED

- (1) To approve the Corporate Plan, comprising the document 'South Cambridgeshire: Your Place, Our Plan 2018 – 2019' (Appendix A) and accompanying 2018 – 2019 Delivery Plan (Appendix B), incorporating feedback from Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
- (2) To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with Portfolio Holders, to prepare detailed implementation plans and associated performance measures and ensure these are reflected in directorate service plans and quarterly Position Reports during 2018 – 19.
- (3) To authorise the Chief Executive to make any minor wording changes required before publication, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2018/19 INCLUDING COUNCIL TAX SETTING), HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (INCLUDING HOUSING RENTS), CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

(1) Council **AGREED** to

- (a) Approve the revenue estimates for 2018-19 as shown in the General Fund (GF) Budget Setting Reports (BSR), Section 5 at Appendix 1 to the report.
- (b) Approve the precautionary items for the General Fund, GF BSR Appendix B, Appendix 1.
- (c) Approve the GF revenue forecasts as set out in GF BSR Section 6, Appendix 1.
- (d) Instruct the Executive Management Team to identify additional income/savings of £449k for 2018-19 rising to £1.3m in 2022-23.

- (e) Approve the GF Capital Programme and associated funding up to the year ended 31 March 2022, as set out in GF BSR Appendix D, at Appendix 1.
- (f) Approve the creation of a Planning Policy earmarked reserve and the transfer of £224k into the reserve from the GF reserve, being the carry forward of underspend from 2016-17 not used in 2017-18, as shown in GF BSR Section 3 and delegate approval of the use of this reserve to the Executive Director – Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Staffing.
- (g) Request that the Portfolio Holder (Housing) delegate the decision in respect of any variation in fees to be charged by the Home Improvement Agency (HIA), to the Director of Housing, following agreement of the proposed level of charges by the Shared HIA Board, GF BSR Appendix A.
- (h) Set the Council Tax Requirement for 2018-19 at £8,616,458.
- (i) Set 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 the District Council Tax for general expenses on a Band D property of £140.31 plus the relevant amounts required by the precepts of the Parish Councils, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Cambridgeshire Fire Authority, details of those precepts and their effect are as set out in the statutory resolution below.
- (j) Approve the HRA savings, increased income, unavoidable revenue pressures, bids and reduced income items, as summarised in Section 4, and detailed in Appendix G(1) of the HRA Budget Setting Report at Appendix 2 to the report.
- (k) Approve the non-cash limit adjustments, as summarised in Section 4, and detailed in Appendix G(1) of the HRA Budget Setting Report at Appendix 2 to the report.
- (l) Approve the resulting HRA revenue budget as shown in the HRA Summary Forecast 2017-18 to 2022-23 in Appendix I of the HRA Budget Setting Report at Appendix 2 to the report.
- (m) Approve the retention of the balance of the 4 year savings target included originally as part of the 2016-17 HRA Budget Setting Report to mitigate the impact of some of the changes in national housing policy, recognising that the net savings proposed from 2018-19 over-deliver against the profile of £250,000 per annum for 4 years, reducing the balance to be sought in the remaining 2 years to £147,540.
- (n) Approve that Council dwelling rents for all social rented properties be reduced by 1%, in line with legislative requirements introduced as part of the Welfare Reform and Work Act, with effect from 2nd April 2018.
- (o) Approve that affordable rents are reviewed in line with rent legislation, to ensure that rents charged are no more than 80% of market rent, with this figure then reduced by 1% as with social housing. Local policy is to cap affordable rents at the lower level of Local Housing Allowance, which will result in rent variations in line with any changes notified to the authority in this level, effective from 2nd April 2018.
- (p) Approve inflationary increases of 2.6% in garage rents for 2018-19, in line with the base rate of inflation for the year assumed in the HRA Budget Setting Report.
- (q) Approve the proposed service charges for HRA services and facilities provided to both tenants and leaseholders, as shown in Appendix B of the HRA Budget Setting Report, at Appendix 2 to the report.

- (r) Approve the latest budget, spend profile and funding mix for each of the schemes in the new build programme, as detailed in Section 5 and Appendix E of the HRA Budget Setting Report at Appendix 2 to the report, recognising the most up to date information available as each scheme progresses through the design, planning, build contract and completion process.
- (s) Approve earmarking of the required level of additional funding for new build investment between 2018-19 and 2022-23 to ensure that commitments can be met in respect of the investment of all right to buy receipts currently retained, or anticipated to be received by the authority for this period. This expenditure will either take the form of HRA new build, with the 70% top up met by other HRA resources or could alternatively be grant made to a registered provider, where the registered provider will provide the 70% top up to build new homes.
- (t) Approve the capital budget proposals, both bids and savings, detailed in Appendix G(2) of the HRA Budget Setting Report at Appendix 2 to the report.
- (u) Approve the capital amendments, detailed in Appendix H of the HRA Budget Setting Report, which include the capital proposals in Appendix G(2) of the HRA Budget Setting Report, at Appendix 2 to the report, along-side re-profiling of investment, increase and re-allocation of resource for new build schemes.
- (v) Approve the revised Housing Capital Investment Plan as shown in Appendix J of the HRA Budget Setting Report at Appendix 2 to the report
- (w) Approve the Capital Strategy 2018-19 to 2022-23, Appendix 3.
- (x) Approve the borrowing and investment strategies for the year to March 2019, as included in the Treasury Management Strategy Statement in Appendix 4.
- (y) Approve the prudential indicators required by the Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities for the year to 31 March 2019, included in Appendix 4.
- (z) Approve any unspent New Homes Bonus money allocated to the Greater Cambridge Partnership to be rolled into 2019-20.
- (aa) Give delegated authority to the Executive Director, Corporate Services ,to issue the final version of the Estimates Book, incorporating any amendments required from the Council's decisions.

(2) Council **AGREED** the following statutory resolution in respect of the Council Tax for 2018-19:-

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2018-19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

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| (a) | £90,664,825 | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) (a) to (f) of the Act (gross expenditure including parish precepts, the Housing Revenue Account and additions to reserves) |
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- (b) £75,516,060 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act (gross income including the Housing Revenue Account and use of reserves)
- (c) £14,013,850 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year (net expenditure to be met from council tax) being the district amount of:-
£8,616,458 and the parish precepts of
£5,397,392
- (d) £228.20 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (average council tax for a band D property for the District including parishes)
- (e) £5,397,392 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (parish precepts)
- (f) £140.31 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (average council tax for a Band D property for the District excluding parishes), the amounts being for each of the categories of dwellings shown below in **Table 1**
- (g) In accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, the basic amounts of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a special item relates are shown by addition the amounts for Band D for the District Council in **Table 1** and **Appendix A** to the supplement submitted to Council.
- (h) In accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are shown by adding the amounts for each band in **Table 1** and **Appendix A** of the supplement submitted to Council.

That it be noted that for the year 2018-19 Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings as shown in **Table 1**:

Table 1	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
County Council	833.22	972.09	1,110.96	1,249.83	1,527.57	1,805.31	2,083.05	2,499.66
Police & Crime Commissioner	132.48	154.56	176.64	198.72	242.88	287.04	331.20	397.44
District Council	93.54	109.13	124.72	140.31	171.49	202.67	233.85	280.62
Fire Authority	45.84	53.48	61.12	68.76	84.04	99.32	114.60	137.52
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

- (i) That the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts set out in **Appendix B** of the supplement submitted to Council as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2018-19 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in **Appendix B** of that supplement.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX

Including the precepts from the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Fire Authority and all of the parishes, the formal Council Resolution would produce a Council Tax for an Band D property of:

		£	Change from previous year
District Council	General Expenses	140.31	+3.70%
	Special Expenses for Parish Precepts (average)	87.89	+5.11%
County Council		1,249.83	+4.99%
Police & Crime Commissioner		198.72	+6.40%
Fire Authority		68.76	+2.96%
Combined Authority		0.00	0.00%
Total		1745.51	+4.97%

On these figures the council tax would range from £1,105.08 for Band A to £3,595.62 for Band H before any discounts or benefits.

Appendix C of the supplement submitted to Council shows the General Fund summary including Parish precepts and the final Formula Grant figure.

(Note:

(i) *The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder advised the Council that the Cabinet had approved provision of £200,000 for the Green Energy Loan Fund, to be met from the Renewables Earmarked Reserve, rather than £100,000 as incorrectly shown in respect of this scheme on page 201. Council therefore was asked to note the adjustment of this figure to £200,000.*

(ii) *Council also noted that the following recommendation in the agenda sheet and the accompanying report was a decision of the Cabinet and not a recommendation to Council:*

“(h) Instructs the Head of Finance, on the basis of the proposals set out in the GF BSR, to prepare formal papers to set the council tax requirement and amount of council tax at the Council meeting on 22 February 2018.”

Accordingly the Chairman did not take a vote on (h) above.)

SWAVESEY BYEWAYS RATE (SWAVESEY BYEWAYS RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 5 FEBRUARY 2018)

Council **AGREED**

To maintain the current level of the Swavesey Byeways rate of £1.10 per hectare for land within the charge paying area for the period 2018/19 in order to fund the required level of maintenance.

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR AIDAN VAN DE WEYER

The following motion was **LOST:-**

Following the removal of the Leader of this Council as the Combined Authority Portfolio Holder for Housing, this Council no longer has confidence in the ability and the political will of the Mayor and Combined Authority to ensure that South Cambs equitably benefits from the devolved affordable housing fund.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2018/19

Council **AGREED** the Calendar of Meetings 2018/19 as set out Appendix A to the submitted report, subject to amending the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018 to Wednesday, 23 May 2018.