

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 8 JANUARY 2020

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 8 January 2020. 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.

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

1. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Cabinet

- (a) Noted the outturn position of a £2.742 million underspend for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme and that, of this, £1.124 million was at that time proposed for reprofiling into future years;
- (b) Consider the updated HRA capital programme at Appendix B which has been re-profiled in line with the expected timing of spend and amended in line with expected levels of spend where appropriate;
- (c) Noted that, in order to finance the updated Capital Programme, borrowing of around £10 million was likely to be required during 2021/22;
- (d) noted that, following the abolition of the HRA debt cap, a local debt cap had been calculated as £250 million at 1st April 2019 rising to £300 million as at 31st March 2022;
- (e) Recommended to Full Council the revised HRA capital programme for the period 2019/2020 to 2024/2025, at Appendix_B, to reflect amendments to, and the reprofiling of expenditure identified in the report.

Options Considered: The option exists of not approving the revised capital programme.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Cabinet to consider the outturn performance of the Council's HRA Capital Programme in 2018/2019 and the updated capital programme incorporating new items and reprofiling of expenditure.

2. COLLECTION FUND - ESTIMATED COUNCIL TAX SURPLUS

Cabinet

- (a) approved an estimated surplus at 31 March 2020 in relation to the Council Tax element of the Collection Fund of £0.774 million be declared for 2019/2020 and shared between the Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge Police & Crime Commissioner and the Cambridgeshire Fire Authority in proportion to their 2019/2020 precepts on the Collection Fund;
- (b) agreed that, in future financial years, the determination of the estimated Collection Fund surplus for distribution to precepting bodies be delegated

to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance.

Options Considered: The option of not declaring and distributing the Council Tax surplus is not considered appropriate as the Council is required by law to determine the estimated surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund so that precepting authorities can take it into account in finalising their precepts.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Cabinet to determine the estimated Collection Fund surplus as at 31 March 2020 for distribution to precepting bodies.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE GREATER CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Cabinet

- a) Considered the main issues raised in the public consultation; agree responses to the representations received and agreed consequential proposed changes to the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as set out in the Consultation Statement and the tracked changed version of the SPD for adoption (See Appendices A and B);
- b) Subject to a), adopted the Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD; and
- c) Delegated to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in liaison with the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, the authority to make any editing changes to the SPD prior to publication.

Options Considered: Members may:

- Approve the Consultation Statement including the proposed changes to the SPD;
- Approve the Consultation Statement including the proposed changes to the SPD with amendments;
- Not approve the Consultation Statement including the proposed changes to the SPD;
- Not delegate to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development in liaison with the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, the authority to make any editing changes to the SPD prior to publication.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that the SPD is amended to take account of the outcome of the recent consultation as appropriate and to ensure that the adopted SPD is available to assist the determination of planning applications for the district.

4. **AN ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN AND NEW BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICE FOR SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Cabinet

- a) Approved the Greater Cambridge Economic Action Plan;
- b) Delegated authority to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development to make minor typographical/factual changes or changes to improve legibility/understanding prior to the publication of the Economic Action Plan;

- c) Agreed the proposal for a new Business Support Service for South Cambridgeshire;

Options Considered: None specified

Reason for Decision: The proposals will underpin delivery of the Council's Corporate objective to support economic development in the District as set out in the 2019-2024 Business Plan.

5. **RESPONSE TO ANGLIAN WATER**

Cabinet:

- a) Noted the details of the proposed statement of community consultation
 - b) Delegated to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development the submission of South Cambridgeshire District Council's response to the proposed statement of community consultation as set out in Appendix 2 to the confidential report, subject to
 - i. Anglian Water undertaking additional public consultation as proposed at the meeting; and
 - ii. Ensuring enough flexibility in the proposals to allow for amendment should there be a change in circumstances as discussed at the meeting.
- **Options Considered:** Cabinet could agree the comments as set out in Appendix 2.
 - Alternatively, the Cabinet could offer additional/further comments on the submission.
 - Cabinet could decline to submit any comments on the Statement of Community Consultation.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that the Council responds to the formal consultation submitted within the timeline provided for.