

AGENDA

Committee Administrator: Democratic Services Officer (01609 767015)

Monday, 29 January 2018

Dear Councillor

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting **CABINET**
Date **Tuesday, 6 February 2018**
Time **9.30 am**
Venue **Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton**

Yours sincerely

J. Ives.

Dr Justin Ives
Chief Executive

To: Councillors Councillors
 M S Robson (Chairman) Mrs I Sanderson
 P R Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman) S Watson
 Mrs B S Fortune D A Webster

Other Members of the Council for information

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1. MINUTES

To confirm the decisions of the meeting held on 5 December 2017 (CA.38 - CA.44), previously circulated.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Resources Management

3. COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT - EMPTY HOMES

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This report seeks agreement on changes to the Council's current Council Tax empty homes discounts.

In approving the recommendations, Cabinet will approve and recommend to Council that with effect from 1 April 2018 the 'Major repair work' or 'structural alteration' discount on empty properties will be reduced from 100% to no discount (0%) as detailed in paragraph 1.4.1.1 of the report; with effect from 1 April 2018 the discount in respect of unoccupied and substantially unfurnished discounts will be 1 month 100% discount followed by a full 100% charge as detailed in paragraph 1.4.1.2 of the report; and with effect from 1 April 2018 the Empty Homes Premium is introduced at the maximum level of 50% where the property has been empty for 2 or more years as detailed in paragraph 1.4.1.3 of the report.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

4. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018/19 TO 2027/28

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This report seeks consideration of the Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2027/28.

In accepting the recommendation, Cabinet will approve and recommend to Council the Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2026/27 attached at Annex A and A(1) of the report.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

5. 2017/18 Q3 CAPITAL MONITORING AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT

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This report provides an update at Quarter 3 as at 31 December 2017 on the progress on the capital programme 2017/18 and the treasury management position. A full schedule of the capital programme 2017/18 schemes is attached at Annex A of the report, together with the relevant update on progress of each scheme.

In accepting the recommendations, Cabinet will approve and recommends to Council that the net decrease of £1,276,256 in the capital programme to £6,087,595 as detailed in Annex B and also in the capital programme attached at Annex A of the report; the increase of capital expenditure is funded from earmarked reserves at £461,410 where £138,280 is funded from capital receipts, £95,130 is from the Economic Development Fund and £228,000 is from external grants/contributions; the funding allocation to the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 of the report; and the treasury management and prudential indicators at Annex E of the report.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

6. 2017/18 Q3 REVENUE MONITORING REPORT 47 - 56
- This report provides an update on the revenue budget position of the Council and the reserve funds at the end of December 2017.
- That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council the budget increase at paragraph 3.2 of the report in Quarter 3 of £204,130 which results in a budget of £7,414,730; the allocation of £23,850 from the Economic Development fund at paragraph 6.2 and to note the remaining balance at paragraph 6.3 of the report is £564,725; the transfer of £100,000 from the Council Tax Payers Reserve to the One-Off at paragraph 6.4 of the report; the allocation from the One-off fund at paragraph 6.5 of the report of £24,412; the transfer of £35,590 at paragraph 6.10 of the report from salary savings in Planning Policy to the Local Plan Reserve at paragraph 6.10 of the report; and to note the three waiver of procurement rules at paragraph 7.2 of the report.
- Relevant Ward(s): All Wards**
7. MAKING A DIFFERENCE GRANTS FUND 57 - 60
- This report seeks consideration of a proposal to finance the 2018/19 Making a Difference Grants programme.
- In accepting the recommendation, Cabinet will approve an allocation of £125,000 from the One-Off Fund to the 2018/19 Making a Difference Grants programme.
- Relevant Ward(s): All Wards**
- Policy Implementation
8. REVIEW OF THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY 61 - 90
- This report provides feedback on the outcome of the consultation on the Council's Housing Assistance Policy and seeks approval for the new policy to be adopted by Council on 27 February 2018.
- In accepting the recommendation, Cabinet will approve and recommend to Council that the Housing Assistance Policy be adopted on 27 February 2018.
- Relevant Ward(s): All Wards**
9. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION SUB AREA ACTION PLAN - OSMOTHERLEY 91 - 94
- This report seeks approval of the refreshed Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plan for Osmotherley.
- In accepting the recommendation, Cabinet will approve the refreshed Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plan attached at Annex B of the report.
- Relevant Ward(s): Osmotherley and Swainby Ward**
- Resources Management
10. 2018/19 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 95 - 140
- This report considers the 10 year Capital Programme covering the financial years 2018/19 to 2027/28, the 2018/19 Capital Programme and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement; including the Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement.

In accepting the recommendations, Cabinet will approve and recommend to Council that the 10 year Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2027/28 at £27,740,093 be approved, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 and attached at Annex 'A' of the report; the Capital Programme 2018/19 at £1,744,830 detailed in Annex 'B' of the report be approved for implementation; the Treasury Management Strategy attached at Annex 'C' of the report be approved; the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement attached in the body of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement Annex 'C' of the report be approved; the Prudential and Treasury Indicators attached at Annex 'C' in the body of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement be approved; the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement at Annex 'D' of the report be approved; and the Scheme of Delegation and role of the S151 Officer attached at Annex 'E' of the report be approved.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

11. REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19 141 - 154

This report presents at a strategic level the revenue budget proposals for the next financial year 2018/19.

In accepting the recommendation, Cabinet will approve and recommend to Council the revenue budget for 2018/19 at £8,096,170.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

12. COUNCIL TAX 2018/19 155 - 180

This report considers the level of Council Tax for 2018/19 and the policy on reserves. It also provides details of the Council's formula grant funding settlement for 2018/19 and the Business Rates target for the Retained Business Rates funding mechanism, which is now operated as a pool across North Yorkshire.

In accepting the recommendations, Cabinet will approve and recommend to Council various decisions regarding the setting of the level of Council Tax; confirm that the indicators on expenditure and treasury management decisions are affordable, prudent and sustainable and approve the policy on Balances and Reserves.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 13 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

14. VAT - PARTIAL EXEMPTION POSITION 181 - 184

This report provides an update on the Value Added Tax (VAT) partial exemption position of the Council.

Relevant Ward(s): All Wards