

**Decisions to be considered by
Full Council on 11 December 2018**

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 4th December, 2018 at
the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,
STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor	P R Wilkinson	Councillor	S Watson
	Mrs B S Fortune		D A Webster
	Mrs I Sanderson		

Also in Attendance

Councillor	P Bardon	Councillor	D B Elders
	M A Barningham		K G Hardisty
	D M Blades		J Noone
	Mrs C S Cookman		

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors , and

CA.38 **2018/19 Q2 CAPITAL MONITORING AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided the Quarter 2 update at 30 September 2018 on the progress of the Capital Programme 2018/19 and the Treasury Management position. A full schedule of the Capital Programme 2018/19 schemes was attached at Annex A of the report, together with the relevant update on progress of each scheme.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003 and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the net decrease of £133,034 in the capital programme to £14,474,164 and all expenditure movements as detailed in Annex B and also in the capital programme attached at Annex A of the report;

- (2) the increase of capital expenditure is funded from earmarked reserves at £103,775 where £24,800 is funded from the Computer fund, £20,000 is funded from the Council Tax Payers Reserve, £5,235 is funded from capital receipts and £53,740 is from external grants/contributions;
- (3) the funding allocation to the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 of the report; and
- (4) the treasury management and prudential indicators at Annex E of the report.

CA.39 **2018/19 Q2 REVENUE MONITORING REPORT**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided an update on the revenue budget position of the Council and the reserve funds at the end of September 2018.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with S25 of the Local Government Act 2003 regarding setting a balanced budget and monitoring the financial position throughout the year.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the budget remains at £8,096,170 as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report;
- (2) the allocation from the One-Off fund at paragraph 6.7 of the report of £35,770; and
- (3) the allocation of £1,500 from the Economic Development Fund at paragraph 6.3 and to note the remaining balance at paragraph 6.4 of the report is £580,199.

CA.40 **CAPITAL SCHEME - GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval for investment in the installation of Ground source Heat Pumps at the Civic Centre and the Council's four leisure centres at Bedale, Northallerton, Stokesley and Thirsk during 2019.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet had previously approved a capital allocation for 2018/19 to assess current energy usage and investigate energy efficiency measures which could be introduced at the Council's facilities and to its infrastructure, with the aim of reducing energy consumption, using energy more efficiently, reducing the carbon footprint and securing Renewable Heat Incentive funding from the UK Government. Cabinet was satisfied that this proposal supported the Council's corporate priorities of caring for the environment and financial sustainability.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the Ground Source Heat Pump Scheme is allocated Capital budget of £2,113,198 for the implementations of installations at the Civic Centre, Northallerton Leisure Centre, Bedale Leisure Centre, Stokesley Leisure Centre and Thirsk Sowerby Leisure Centre; and
- (2) that delegated authority is given to the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer), in conjunction with the Deputy Leader, to authorise expenditure of the capital allocation on the Ground Source Heat Pump scheme to OFGEM.

CA.41 **NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR MINIMUM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS IN DOMESTIC PRIVATE RENTED PROPERTIES**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report introduced the requirements of the Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015 and sought determination of the Authority's approach to the enforcement of these Regulations.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the requirements of the Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the Environmental Health service enforces the requirements of the Regulations to ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory duty;
- (2) that the fund of £25,000 intended for Energy Repayment Loans is also made available for third party funding for energy efficiency improvements; and

- (3) that penalties for non-compliance with Regulations are imposed on a case by case basis up to the statutory maximum and published in accordance with the Council's arrangements for its fees and charges.

CA.42 **COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME FROM 2019/20**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

For each financial year the billing authority must consider whether to revise its Council Tax Reduction scheme or replace it with another. Any revision or replacement scheme must be made no later than 11 March in the financial year preceding that year for which the revision or replacement scheme is to be effective. This report seeks approval of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme from 2019/20.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that the current Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme incorporating any legislation changes effective from April 2019 continues into 2019/20.

The meeting closed at 10.05 am

Leader of the Council