Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 6th December, 2016 at COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

# **Present**

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor P R Wilkinson Councillor B Phillips Mrs B S Fortune S Watson N A Knapton

## Also in Attendance

Councillor

Councillor

P Bardon M A Barningham C A Dickinson K G Hardisty J Noone C Patmore Mrs J Watson

## CA.50 2016/17 Q2 REVENUE MONITORING REPORT 2016/17

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 2016.

#### 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 increase at paragraph 3.2 of the report in Quarter 2 of £33,860 which results in a budget of £7,604,990 be approved; and
- (2) the allocation from the One-Off Fund at paragraph 6.6 of the report of £45,855 be approved.

# CA.51 2016/17 Q2 CAPITAL MONITORING AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### All Wards

# The subject of the decision:

This report provided the Quarter 2 update at 30 September 2016 on the progress of the Capital Programme 2016/17 and the Treasury Management position. A full schedule of the Capital Programme 2016/17 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:-

- the net decrease of £2,165,872 in the Capital Programme to £18,935,354 and all expenditure movements as detailed in Annex 'B' and also in the Capital Programme attached at Annex 'A' of the report be approved;
- (2) the position of the Economic Development Fund at Annex B of the report and that it has been fully allocated until funds are returned from schemes in future years be noted;
- (3) the increase of capital expenditure of £11,400 is funded from capital receipts and that £67,397 is from external grants/contributions be approved;
- (4) the funding allocation to the Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 of the report be approved;
- (5) the Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators at Annex 'E' of the report be approved.

# CA.52 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

All Wards

# The subject of the decision:

This report provided the results of the public consultation on changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme from 2017/18 and sought a decision on the scheme framework for how the Council Tax Reduction scheme should look from 2017/18.

#### Alternative options considered:

The report set out various options which had been consulted on.

#### The reason for the decision:

To comply with the statutory duty to consult upon the proposed scheme and to comply with the Local Government Finance Act which provides that the making or revision of a Council Tax Reduction Scheme can only be discharged by the Authority.

## THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the results of the consultation exercise be noted;
- (2) the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/18 be based on the current scheme but in line with the Housing Benefit legislative changes; and
- (3) an exceptional hardship policy is integrated into the scheme and the Collection Fund to support vulnerable residents who may face severe financial hardship because of the impact of changes.

# CA.53 HAMBLETON GYPSY, TRAVELLER AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE GUIDANCE NOTE

All Wards

## The subject of the decision:

The purpose of this report was to feedback on the consultation on the Hambleton Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Guidance Note and to recommend changes where appropriate and to recommend to Council that the Guidance Note is adopted for Development Management purposes.

## Alternative options considered:

None.

#### The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the Guidance Note would provide clear and accessible planning advice for Travellers.

## THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that the Hambleton Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Guidance Note (attached at Annex 2 of the report) be adopted for Development Management purposes.

#### CA.54 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY

All Wards

#### The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval for a revised Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy, a copy of which was attached at Annex A of the report and sought authorisation for Sheffield City Council to administer the Energy Repayment and Home Appreciation Loans Service on behalf of Hambleton District Council.

#### Alternative options considered:

None.

#### The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the revised Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy would provide funds and support where needed.

## THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the revised Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy be approved; and
- (2) Sheffield City Council be authorised to administer the Energy Repayment and Home Appreciation Loans Service on behalf of Hambleton District Council.

The meeting closed at 9.55 am

Leader of the Council