

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

CABINET DECISIONS – 13 JANUARY 2015

1. MONEY MATTERS: 2014/15 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE FINANCIAL STRATEGY

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 Noted the report and the issues raised within.
- 1.2 Noted that Leadership Team with Cabinet Members will continue to closely monitor and manage the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Capital Financial Strategy 2014-17.

2. CALCULATION OF BUSINESS RATES: NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES (NNDR1) 2015/16 AND COUNCIL TAX BASE 2015/16, TOGETHER WITH COLLECTION FUND SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR 2014/15

The Cabinet agreed that:

- 2.1 In accordance with Local Government Finance Act (LGFA) 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the Council Tax Base for Lichfield District for the financial year 2015/16 shall be 36,264.
- 2.2 Authority be delegated to the Director of Finance, Revenues and Benefits, Lichfield District Council's Section 151 Officer, to complete and certify NNDR1 2015/16 on behalf of the District Council.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – SUPPORTING LOCALITY COMMISSIONING

The Cabinet agreed:

- 3.1 To accept funding (£181,620) provided by Staffordshire County Council to support the implementation of locality commissioning in Lichfield District.
- 3.2 To delegate authority to the Locality Commissioning Board to take decisions on the investment of the locality commissioning budget.
- 3.3 To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Community, Housing and Health in consultation with the Strategic Director for Democratic, Development and Legal Services and Strategic Director for Community, Housing and Health to enter into contracts (for work, supplies and services) with successful bidders on behalf of the District Council (as accountable body for the Locality Commissioning Board).

4. BIRD STREET CAR PARK – RESURFACING SCHEME

- 4.1 The Cabinet agreed that the resurfacing contract for Bird Street Car Park, Lichfield be awarded to Miles Macadam Ltd.

CABINET DECISIONS – 3 FEBRUARY 2015

5. MONEY MATTERS: 2014/15 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE FINANCIAL STRATEGY

The Cabinet agreed:

- 5.1 To note the report and issues raised within.
- 5.2 To note that Leadership Team with Cabinet Members will continue to closely monitor and manage the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Capital Financial Strategy 2014-17.

6. THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (REVENUE & CAPITAL) 2015-18

The Cabinet recommend to Council for approval:

- 6.1 The 2015/16 Revenue Budget including the Amount to be met from Government Grants and Local Taxpayers of £10,914,000, forecasts a proposed level of Council Tax (the District Council element) for 2015/16 of £154.99 for a Band D equivalent property.
- 6.2 The Medium Term Financial Strategy (Revenue & Capital) 2015-18 set out in Appendix A of the report.
- 6.3 The Capital Strategy, outlined in Appendices B and C of the report.
- 6.4 That the requirements and duties the Local Government Act 2003 places on the Authority on how it sets and monitors its budgets, including the Chief Financial Officer's Report on the robustness of the Budget and adequacy of Reserves shown in Appendix D of the report be noted.
- 6.5 Balance Sheet Projections and Borrowing Requirement and Strategy 2015-18 contained within Appendix E of the report.
- 6.6 The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2015/16 contained within Appendix F of the report, which sets out the Council's policy of using the asset life method as the basis for making prudent provision for debt redemption.
- 6.7 Treasury Management Policy Statement and The Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16 Appendix G of the report and the detailed criteria.
- 6.8 The use of Specified and Non-Specified Investments – Appendices H and I of the report.
- 6.9 The addition of Leeds Building Society to the Approved List of Counterparties (Appendix H of the report) with a counterparty limit of £1.5m.

6.10 The amendment of the following Specified Investment Limits (pending a full review of the Annual Investment Strategy to Cabinet on 7 April 2015):

- Money Market Funds - an increase from £1.5m per fund to £2m per fund.
- Banks and Building Societies (Term Deposits, Certificates of Deposit and Call Accounts) – a reduction from £2m per counterparty to £1.5m per counterparty.
- Group Limits – a reduction from £3m per Group to £2m per Group.

6.11 The Prudential Indicators and limits for 2015-18 contained within Appendix J of the report.

6.12 The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator shown within Appendix J of the report.

7. ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2015-16

7.1 The Cabinet approved the proposed Annual Action Plan 2015/16.

8. THE LOCAL PLAN

The Cabinet agreed:

8.1 The recommendations of the Inspector, and thus agreed to the Main Modifications to the submitted Local Plan Strategy 2012 (Appendix A & B of the report)

8.2 The 'other' (minor) modifications being made to the submitted Local Plan strategy (Appendix C of the report);

8.3 The adoption of the Local Plan Strategy under Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) incorporating all Main and Other modifications;

8.4 A revised Local Development Scheme covering the period 2015 – 2018 being published under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), subject to the Council agreeing to adopt of the Local Plan: Strategy (Appendix D of the report)

9. EQUALITY STATEMENT 2015

The Cabinet:

9.1 Approved the Equality Statement.

9.2 Agreed that attendance at equality training should be a mandatory requirement for all Members following the May elections and that this should be a priority within the Member Induction Programme

10. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

The Cabinet:

10.1 Approved the proposed delegations as set out in the report

- 10.2 Approved the proposed levels for Fixed Penalty Notices as set out in the report.
- 10.3 Agreed that the Constitution and the Council's Scheme of Delegation be amended where appropriate to incorporate the approved delegations.

11. CODE OF JOINT WORKING ARRANGEMENTS – HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE

- 11.1 The Cabinet approved the Code of Joint Working Arrangements as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT LOCALITY COMMISSIONING

The Cabinet agreed:

- 12.1 To accept funding of £75k to be provided by Seisdon and South East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to support the implementation of locality commissioning in Lichfield District.
- 12.2 To accept funding of £72k expected to be provided by the Police and Crime Commissioner to support the implementation of locality commissioning in Lichfield District.

DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET MEMBERS

13. FEES AND CHARGES – COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

- 13.1 The Cabinet Member for Community, Housing and Environmental Health approved revised fees and charges to be made for services in respect of the Lichfield District Community Transport Scheme.

14. TRANSFER OF HIGH STREET INNOVATION FUND TO BURNTWOOD BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- 14.1 The Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Development agreed that the High Street Innovation Fund (£42,006) be transferred to Burntwood Business Community.

15. FIT FOR THE FUTURE: REVIEW OF REVENUES & BENEFITS SERVICE - TEMPORARY STAFFING

- 15.1 The Cabinet Member for Finance, Democratic & Legal Services approved spend on temporary staff whilst a review of the service area is undertaken.

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