

CABINET

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MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (REVENUE AND CAPITAL) 2019-24

1. Decision:

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 Noted the budget timetable for the preparation and approval of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
- 1.2 Considered the latest MTFS projections and the potential impact of the Spending Round 2019 predominantly on the 2020/21 Revenue Budget.
- 1.3 Recommended to Council the budget assumptions and the budget principles for the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 1.4 Delegated authority to the Council's Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer (in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement) to formalise Lichfield District Council's sign-off for either a Business Rate Pilot or a Business Rate Pool for 2020/21 depending on Government announcements.

2. Statement of Reasons:

The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

The ability to deliver the outcomes set out in the Lichfield District Council Strategic Plan 2016-20 and beyond is dependent on the resources available in the MTFS.

This Cabinet report considers some preliminary matters relating to the Medium Term Financial Strategy development including:

- A timetable for the budget process including proposals for scrutiny of the draft MTFS and budget consultation.
- The assumptions that will be used to develop the MTFS.
- A draft set of principles that will be established to guide the preparation and management of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- The key issues from the Government's recent Spending Round 2019 and the potential impact on the Council's draft MTFS.
- Details of the new process for submitting and prioritising capital and 'windfall' income bids.

Business Rates Pilot or Business Rates Pool for 2020/21

The Cabinet report also seeks delegated authority for a Business Rate Pilot or Business Rates Pool for 2020/21 (should the opportunity become available).

3. Any Alternative Options:

Where alternative options exist, they are identified within the background section of the Cabinet report.

REPLACEMENT COMBINED HEAT AND POWER UNIT AT BURNTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE

1. Decision:

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 Approved the release of funding from the Burntwood Leisure Centre (BLC) sinking fund up to the approved budget available of £235,000, to replace the Combined Heat and Power Unit (CHP) at Burntwood Leisure Centre.
- 1.2 Granted delegated authority for the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member For Investment, Economic Growth and Tourism and the Director of Place and Community to appoint Visessmann (Tender 2) to complete the replacement of the CHP Unit at Burntwood Leisure, subject to the receipt of an appropriate construction site plan, insurance and financial checks being provided.

2. Statement of Reasons:

The 17 year old CHP Unit at Burntwood Leisure Centre is at the end of its economic life and has been deemed obsolete by energy specialists.

As Landlord of the facility it is the Council's responsibility to replace the CHP.

There is a £235,000 sinking fund for BLC and there is an assumption in the Capital Programme that the Council will fund projects in 2019/20 using this sum.

The Council has appointed Townsend and Renaudon (T&R) as Project Manager and Contract Administrator. T&R have completed a procurement exercise to identify a preferred contractor.

3. Any Alternative Options:

There is a £235,000 sinking fund for BLC and there is an assumption in the Capital Programme that the Council will fund projects in 2019/20 using this sum. If the decision is not to replace the CHP the council will incur a continued annual unbudgeted pressure.

(COUNCILLOR E LITTLE DECLARED A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AS AN EMPLOYEE OF VEOLIA ENVIROMENTAL SERVICES AND LEFT THE ROOM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM)

LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL MUSEUM COLLECTION POLICIES

1. Decision:

The Cabinet approved the acquisitions, disposal and loans policies, and the loan out agreement form as set out in the appendix of the Cabinet report.

2. Statement of Reasons:

The Council is in possession of a museum collection numbering roughly 900 objects and artworks. A significant amount of this material is related directly to the history of Lichfield. These objects either tell the story of Lichfield itself, or were collected and donated to the city by prominent individuals from Lichfield's past.

The collection and its documentation has recently been reviewed by a professional in this field, part of this work was to review the policies for loans, acquisitions and disposals as well as updating the loans out agreement form.

3. Any Alternative Options:

That the current documentation is retained, this is not recommended as the documentation is in need of updating.