

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

CABINET DECISIONS – 3 DECEMBER 2019

7. Money Matters 2019/20: Review of the Financial Performance Against the Financial Strategy

- 7.1 The Cabinet noted the report and issues raised within and agreed that Leadership Team with Cabinet Members will continue to closely monitor and manage the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

8. Calculation of Business Rates 2020/21, Council Tax Base for 2020/21 and the Projected Collection Funded Surplus/Deficit for 2019/20

The Cabinet:

- 8.1 Approved in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations, the Council Taxbase (Band D residential properties) for Lichfield District for the financial year 2020/21 of 39,032.3.
- 8.2 Noted the estimated Council Tax Collection fund Surplus of (£1,519,520) and the estimated Business Rates Collection Fund surplus of (£303,200) for 2019/20.
- 8.3 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement and the Chief Financial Officer (Section 151) to complete and certify the NNDR1 for 2020/21 on behalf of the Council.

9. Report on Performance Against Our Delivery Plan – Half Year 2019/2020

The Cabinet:

- 9.1 Noted the Council's performance against its Delivery Plan targets as of September 2019.
- 9.2 Noted that of the 82 actions, 76 actions are either complete or on target.
- 9.3 Noted that five actions are to have a revised due date, due in the main to external factors, and will need to go through the agreed process to revise their due date.
- 9.4 Noted that five projects are currently behind target, and one has not yet been started.

10. Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

The Cabinet:

- 10.1 Approved the Homelessness Review and the homelessness and rough sleeping section of the draft Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024 for publication as a draft document on the website.
- 10.2 Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Community and Housing in consultation with the Head of Regulatory Services, Housing and Wellbeing to make any minor changes to the appearance, format and text of the homelessness and rough sleeping section of the draft Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024 or the supporting documents prior to publication on the website in the interests of clarity and accuracy.

11. Joint Waste Service Fit for the Future Review

The Cabinet:

- 11.1 Approved the approach taken during the fundamental review of the Joint Waste Service and its key findings.
- 11.2 Approved the proposal to continue providing the Joint Waste Service using the current in house arrangements and delay any decision on the future provision of the service until the implications of the Government's Resources and Waste Strategy are fully known.
- 11.3 Approved the proposals to undertake an appraisal of options for the future disposal of dry recyclate and identify measures to address the issue of over reliance on agency staff

12. Cash Payment Facilities

- 12.1 The Cabinet approved the removal of the cash payment boxes from Frog Lane and Burntwood Library from 1 May 2020.

13. Amendments to the list of Buildings of Local Architectural and Historic Interest

- 13.1 The Cabinet noted the results of the consultation, supported the amendments to the Council's List of Buildings of Local Architectural and Historic Interest as included in Appendix A of the Cabinet report and recommended them to be submitted to Council for final ratification.

14. Revenues and Benefits Fit for the Future Fundamental Review

The Cabinet:

- 14.1 Approved the procurement of a new contract for software – and associated support services – for revenues and benefits for a period of five years with an option to extend by a further two;
- 14.2 Granted delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Innovation and the Head of Customer Services, Revenues and Benefits to approve such a contract provided it is within approved budgets.
- 14.3 Noted the high level action plan to innovate and improve the service, and in particular supported a review of the central support charges incurred by the service.

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

15. Provision of a New Charge Point – Friary Car Park

The Cabinet Member for Investment, Economic Growth and Tourism agreed:

- 15.1 To replace the current charge point with a unit provided by Mr Electric Ltd and to accept the terms and conditions required for the operation of the equipment.
- 15.2 To introduce a restructured charging regime designed to recover the costs of parking and energy usage as well as discouraging the current practice of vehicles blocking the point for entire working days.

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