

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

CABINET DECISIONS – 12 MAY 2020

1. Local Development Scheme Revision

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 Noted the progress and next steps associated with the Local Plan Review.
- 1.2 Approved the revised Local Development Scheme timetable set out in paragraph 3.6 of the Cabinet report.
- 1.3 Delegated to the Cabinet member for Investment, Economic Growth & Tourism in conjunction with the Head of Economic Growth and Development the ability to amend the Local Development Scheme timetable subject to any change not delaying the submission of the Local Plan beyond Spring 2021.

CABINET DECISIONS – 2 JUNE 2020

2. Money Matters 2019/20: Review of Financial Performance against the Financial Strategy

The Cabinet:

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Noted the transfers to earmarked reserves and general and earmarked reserves at 31 March 2020.
- 2.3 Noted that in terms of the financial impact of COVID-19, there was a relatively limited impact in 2019/20 with a projected higher financial impact in 2020/21 and potentially beyond.
- 2.4 Approved £13,454,000 of Capital Programme slippage related to 2019/20 being added to the Approved Budget in 2020/21 as outlined at Appendix E of the Cabinet report.
- 2.5 Noted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) financial year report which is in accordance with Regulation 62 of The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended).

- 2.6 Approved a delegation to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement to agree the preferred option and the legal arrangements for the Financial Information System in line with the approved budget.
- 2.7 Endorsed the 3 month extension of the arrangement for the Interim Procurement Manager at a cost of £29,000 (a total cost of £102,000) and noted the outcome from the options appraisal in relation to future procurement support.
- 2.8 Recommended that Council approve the actual 2019/20 Prudential Indicators contained within the report.

3. Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

The Cabinet:

- 3.1 Approved and recommended to Council the approval of the Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024 as attached at Appendix 1 of the Cabinet Report and the accompanying Annexes.
- 3.2 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing in conjunction with the Head of Regulatory Services, Housing and Wellbeing to amend the strategy and action plan after the year one review to assess the implications of the Covid 19 pandemic and any emerging challenges.
- 3.3 Approved and recommended to Council the approval of the new policy of earmarking future Right to Buy receipts towards capital investment to support delivery of the Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

CABINET DECISIONS – 7 JULY 2020

4. The Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Projected Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic

The Cabinet:

- 4.1 Noted the information contained in the report regarding the projected financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Council's financial position.
- 4.2 Noted the grant provided by the Government in 2020/21 of (£1,036,009) to be used to offset additional spend and income reductions and approved an update to the MTFS.
- 4.3. Noted the grant support for the Reopening of High Streets Safely (£92,501), its intended use through a phased approach across the District and approved an update to the MTFS.

5. Delivery Plan and Corporate Indicators

- 5.1 The Cabinet approved the Delivery Plan and underpinning draft Corporate Indicators.

6. Lichfield City Centre Masterplan

The Cabinet:

- 6.1 Noted the progress and submission of the final amended masterplan by consultants David Lock Associates; and,
- 6.2 Noted the requirement to test the viability and deliverability of the masterplan as presented and,
- 6.3 Noted the issues raised about the potential impacts of CV19 on centres across the country and the need to assess this in the context of Lichfield and the Lichfield City Centre Masterplan.

7. Engagement Strategy

- 7.1 The Cabinet approved the adoption of the Engagement Strategy.

Cabinet Member Decisions

8. Delivery of Two Outdoor Gyms on Public Open Space in Burntwood

- 8.1 The Cabinet Member for Recycling and Leisure and the Cabinet Member for Investment, Economic Growth & Tourism approved a project to the value of £34,340 for the installation of 2 outdoor gyms on Public Open Space in Burntwood.

9. Lichfield District Small Business Grant Scheme, Round 6 Allocations

- 9.1 The Cabinet Member for Investment, Economic Growth & Tourism approved the allocation of funding for the Lichfield District Small Business Grant Scheme's sixth round.

10. Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan – Referral to Referendum

- 10.1 The Cabinet Member for Investment, Economic Growth & Tourism:
 - Agreed to the making of modifications as set out in the Decision Statement regarding Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan proceeding to referendum, thereby enabling the Plan to proceed to the referendum stage.
 - Approved the publication of the Decision Statement for the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan.

11. Discretionary Grant Fund Policy

- 11.1 The Cabinet Member for Investment, Economic Growth and Tourism and the Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Innovation approved the Discretionary Grant Fund Policy providing financial support for small and micro businesses.

12. Lichfield District Small Business Grant Scheme, Round 7 Allocations

- 12.1 The Cabinet Member for Major Projects & Economic Development approved the allocation of funding for the Lichfield District Small Business Grant Scheme's seventh round.

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