

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

CABINET DECISIONS – 10 NOVEMBER 2020

1. Changes to the Housing Options Service

The Cabinet:

- 1.1 Approved the new arrangements for the administration of the housing register and allocations scheme.
- 1.2 Approved the revised allocation scheme at Appendix B of the Cabinet report for final consultation with registered providers, and delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Housing and Health and the Head of Regulatory Services, Housing and Wellbeing to make further amendments if required after consideration of the Registered Providers' responses and in the future if minor amendments are needed.
- 1.3 Accepted Bromford's financial offer of compensation and agreed to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Housing and Health and Head of Regulatory Services, Housing and Wellbeing to agree to vary the terms of the 2010 Deed of Covenant and Variation to the stock transfer agreement and any other variations as required.

2. Disposal of Land Fronting St John Street adjacent to the old Library, Lichfield

- 2.1 The Cabinet approved the disposal of the land shown on plan A of the Cabinet report to Staffordshire County Council, on terms to be negotiated as outlined in the report.

CABINET DECISIONS - 1 DECEMBER 2020

3. Money Matters 2020/21: Review of Financial Performance against the Financial Strategy

The Cabinet:

- 3.1 Noted the report and issues raised within and that Leadership Team with Cabinet Members would continue to closely monitor and manage the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 3.2 Noted the further grant provided by the Government in 2020/21 of (£100,000) and the projected support for income losses that will be used to offset additional spend and income reductions and approved an update to the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

4. Calculation of Business Rates 2021/22, Council Tax Base for 2021/22 and the projected Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit for 2020/21

The Cabinet:

- 4.1 Approved in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations, the Council Tax Base (Band D residential properties) for Lichfield District for the financial year 2021/22 of 38,891.4.
- 4.2 Noted the estimated Council Tax Collection fund Deficit of £1,322,000 and the estimated Business Rates Collection Fund Deficit of £14,627,000 for 2020/21.
- 4.3 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement, Customer Services and Revenues & Benefits and the Chief Financial Officer (Section 151) to:
 - Complete and certify the NNDR1 for 2021/22 on behalf of the Council.
 - Update the Council Tax Base for 2021/22 and Collection Fund projections for 2020/21 in the event of changes to guidance or the need for significant changes to underlying assumptions.

5. Procurement Strategy

- 5.1 The Cabinet approved the Procurement Strategy as appended to the Cabinet report.

6. Digital Innovation Strategy

The Cabinet:

- 6.1 Noted the views of the Strategic (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee.
- 6.2 Agreed to adopt the Strategy as set out at Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report.
- 6.3 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Innovation, Commercialisation and Corporate Services in consultation with the Interim Head of Corporate Services to make any minor changes necessary to the Strategy prior to publication.

7. Additional Restrictions Grant - Local Scheme Proposal

The Cabinet:

- 7.1 Noted the Government's Additional Restrictions Grant Policy and allocation of monies.
- 7.2 Approved the proposed approach for delivering the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme.

- 7.3 Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Major Projects and Economic Development in consultation with the Head of Economic Growth and Development to make minor amendments to the Additional Restrictions Grant criteria where appropriate. The Cabinet Member shall keep Cabinet abreast of delivery and if major changes are required to report back to Cabinet.

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

8. Events & Festivals Policy

- 8.1 The Cabinet Member for Visitor Economy and Local Plan approved the amended Events and Festivals policy.

**DOUG PULLEN
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