

**RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS****FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

At the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the following decisions were taken.

Urgent decisions or those exempt from call-in are indicated in the third column of the table. These decisions cannot be called in and are effective immediately.

All other decisions may be called in until 5.00pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members, including at least one Member of the controlling group. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive<sup>1</sup>.

If no request to call in a decision is received within this time limit then the decision becomes effective immediately.

<b><u>Agenda Item No.</u></b>	<b><u>OPEN REPORTS</u></b>	<b><u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u></b>
7.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL STRATEGY 2017 TO 2020	
	<b>DECISION:</b> <i>Members approved the Information Technology and Digital Strategy, together with the associated work plan for 2017 to 2020 as detailed in the report, for implementation.</i>	
8.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL POSITION	
	<b>DECISION:</b> <i>1.1 Members approved the updated financial projections on the General Fund to 2023 and the Housing Revenue Account to 2028 as detailed in the report. 1.2 Members approved that additional income from the New Homes Bonus over that projected in the base budget is set-aside in the annual Growth Provision in the MTFP as detailed in the report.</i>  <i>1.3 Members approved that the Council undertakes a review of the impact of residential growth on service delivery to ascertain the potential cost implications over the financial planning period.</i>  <i>1.4 Members approved that further budget savings are pursued to alleviate the projected General Fund deficit in the medium-term.</i>	

	<p><b>1.5 Members approved that the financial projections provide the basis for planning purposes and for setting the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account's Base Budgets for 2018/19.</b></p> <p><b>1.6 Members approved that the Policy on Earmarked Reserves as detailed in Appendix 3 be reviewed and approved.</b></p> <p><b>1.7 Members approved that the Council supports a business case to become a pilot authority, as part of the Derbyshire Business Rates Pool, to trial 100% Business Rates Retention in 2018/19.</b></p> <p><b>1.8 Members approved that subject to the outcome of the business case, the Council submits an application to the Government alongside other Pool authorities for a Derbyshire-wide pilot in 2018/19.</b></p> <p><b>1.9 Members approved that an update on progress of the pilot is provided to the Committee at its next meeting on 30th November 2017.</b></p>	
9.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>PROPOSED LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2018/19</b></p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><b>1.1 Members approved that the existing Local Council Tax Support Scheme currently in place is continued and adopted for 2018/19.</b></p> <p><b>1.2 Members approved that the detailed parameters are reported to Full Council on 18th January 2018.</b></p> <p><b>1.3 Members approved that the current Compensation Grant, associated with the Council's Support Scheme, paid to Parish Councils is reviewed and any changes are notified to Parish Councils by 31st December 2017.</b></p>	
10.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATE RELIEF SCHEMES</b></p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><b>1.1 Members approved the proposed Discretionary Business Rate Revaluation Relief Scheme for 2017/18 to support local businesses in South Derbyshire worst affected by the 2017 Rating Revaluation List.</b></p> <p><b>1.2 Members approved that rate relief is awarded to a business based on the following scheme criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Its RV is less than £200,000.</b></li> <li>• <b>Its Business Rates payable in 2017/18 has increased by 10% or greater when compared</b></li> </ul>	

	<p><i>to 2016/17.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The business does not qualify for any other relief.</i></li> <li>• <i>The business is not part of a national chain or group of companies, i.e. it is a local business in the District.</i></li> <li>• <i>Relief is limited to 90% of the total increase in rates payable between 2016/17 and 2017/18.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>1.3 Members approved that the proposed Scheme for future years be reviewed as part of the annual Budget Round.</b></p> <p><b>1.4 Members approved that notice be given to terminate all other discretionary relief payments beyond April 2019 to allow for an annual review process to be implemented from 2019/20.</b></p>	
11.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS – DELIVERY OF THE 2017/18 ALLOCATION</p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><b>1.1 Members approved the appointment of a Technical Officer (scale 6 – subject to Job Evaluation) on an 18 month fixed term contract to address the current underspend on mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) and enable the expansion of the service and increased capacity within the team.</b></p> <p><b>1.2 Members reviewed and agreed adaptations to the existing grant administration process to remove the task of procuring each individual job. This will involve undertaking a larger procurement exercise to identify a small number of contractors within a framework agreement who will work under a 2 year measured term contract (this will not include major adaptations over £25k which will still go out to tender on an individual basis)</b></p> <p><b>1.3 Members reviewed the use of the Better Care Fund allocation and the existing DFG policy and agreed that proposed revisions and amendments be brought back to Housing and Community Services Committee in March 2018.</b></p>	
12.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b> <b>Members considered and approved the updated work programme.</b></p>	

Chief Executive

- 1 Although it is not necessary to use a prescribed form, copies are available from the Chief Executive.
- 2 NOTE – this gives an outline of the committee decision for call-in purposes but it does not necessarily reflect the final wording for minute purposes.
- 3 Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.