

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

At the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on Thursday, 11th February 2021, 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 Friday, 19th February 2021.

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 Executive¹.

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

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>OPEN REPORTS</u>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> INTRODUCTION OF PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CHARGING	
7	DECISION: 1.1 The Committee noted the support in principle from Environment and Development Services Committee to introduce the proposed Model 2 scheme in the Appendix of the report, for charging for planning pre-application advice to be provided by the Planning Service. 1.2 The Committee approved the financial implications contained in the report. 1.3 The Committee agreed that the proposals for how the potential income generated by the adoption of pre-application charging could be reinvested in the Planning Service, be the subject of separate reports to Environment and Development Services and Finance and Management Committee.	
8	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> PROPOSED LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2021-22	
	DECISION: 1.1 The Committee approved the existing Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme currently in place and that it be continued for 2021/22.	

	<p>1.2 The Committee agreed that the detailed parameters be submitted to Full Council on 24 February 2021 for formal adoption.</p>	
9	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> GENERAL FUND CONSOLIDATED BUDGET REPORT 2021/22</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 The Committee considered and approved the estimates of revenue income and expenditure on the General Fund for 2021/22.</p> <p>1.2 The Committee approved a 2% increase on grants to voluntary bodies and Parish Councils for concurrent functions for 2021/22</p> <p>1.3 The Committee recommended to Full Council that the rate of Council Tax for 2021/22 should be increased by 1%.</p> <p>1.4 The Committee approved the updated five-year financial projection for the General Fund to 2025/26 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, and all the associated assumptions and risks as included in the report.</p> <p>1.5 The Committee noted the Council's National Non-Domestic Rates return (NDR1) for 2020/21 showing retained business rates of £8,874,194 for 2021/22.</p> <p>1.6 The Committee noted that efficiencies and budget savings continue to be pursued to improve the current financial projection.</p>	
10	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2021/22 and FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2030</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 The Committee approved the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2021/22, together with the 10-year Financial Plan for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>1.2 The Committee agreed that that the HRA be kept under review and measures identified to mitigate the financial risks detailed in the report and to maintain a sustainable financial position.</p>	

11	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> CAPITAL BUDGET TO 2026	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 The Committee considered and approved the capital programme expenditure and funding to 2026.</p> <p>1.2 The Committee agreed that the current Fleet Management Strategy and Vehicle Replacement Plan be reviewed in 2021/22 and be realigned to the level of resources currently available and that the outcome be reported back to this Committee.</p> <p>1.3 The Committee agreed that £600,000 be earmarked in the Capital Receipts Reserve to replace vehicles, plant and equipment in 2025/26, pending the above review.</p>	
12	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 The Committee noted and considered the Annual Report of the Section 151 Officer.</p> <p>1.2 The Committee noted that the Council has due regard to the Annual Report when approving the Budget for 2021/22 at Full Council on 24 February 2021 and when considering future proposals for new spending and the utilisation of resources.</p> <p>1.3 The Committee noted that no new spending commitments will be added to the Base Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan approved by the Finance and Management Committee on 11 February 2021, pending the outcome of the Government's Fair Funding Review.</p> <p>1.4 The Committee noted that the Medium-Term Financial Plan will be reviewed and updated following details emerging from the Government's Fair Funding Review which is expected in autumn 2021.</p>	
13	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme</p>	

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- 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.