

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

At the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 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, 15<sup>th</sup> January 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 Executive<sup>1</sup>.

If no request to call in a decision is received within the 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> <b>ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019-20</b>	
	<b>DECISION:</b>  <i>The Council's Annual Statement of Accounts for 2019/20 (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman of the Committee for publication.</i>	
8.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> <b>SERVICE BASE BUDGETS 2021 - 2022</b>	
	<b>DECISION:</b>  <i>1.1 The Committee considered the Committee's proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and approved that they be included in the consolidated proposals for the General Fund.</i>  <i>1.2 The Committee considered and approved the proposed fees and charges for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.</i>  <i>1.3 The Committee considered the level of any increase in contributions to Parish Councils in 2021/22 for Concurrent Functions and agreed that a 2% increase be implemented for 2021/22.</i>	

9.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM ON LONG-TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES</b></p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><i>The Committee agreed to increase the Council Tax Premium to 300% on properties empty beyond 10 years from 1 April 2021.</i></p>	
10.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATES RELIEF</b></p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><i>1.1 The Committee agreed granting Discretionary Relief for Charitable and Rural organisations for a period of two years to cover the financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23 to those organisations detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.</i></p> <p><i>1.2 The Committee recommended that Active Nation provides Housing and Community Services Committee with a regular update regarding overall performance at Greenbank Leisure Centre and demonstrate how the 20% discretionary relief will be reinvested back into the facilities.</i></p>	
11.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>REFUSE COLLECTION ROUTE OPTIMISATION</b></p>	<u>15.</u>
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><i>1.1 The Committee endorsed the Business Case as per Appendix 1 of the report, which set out the basis for the requirement to implement a route optimisation project and purchase the necessary consultancy and software.</i></p> <p><i>1.2 The Committee approved a contribution of £65,000 from the Growth provision for the implementation.</i></p> <p><i>1.3 The Committee approved the additional £7,000 per annum annual licence costs to be offset by reductions in the fuel budget.</i></p> <p><i>1.4 The Committee approved procurement through the most appropriate technology framework currently available.</i></p>	
12.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b></p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><i>The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme noting that it be updated for the February and March meetings.</i></p>	

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DATED: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Chief Executive

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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. Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.