

RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: SPECIAL - BUDGET

At the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on Thursday 11th January 2018, 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 January 2018.

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>
5.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> IMPLICATIONS OF THE HOMELESSNESS REDUCTION ACT 2017	
	DECISION: <i>1.1 That, following approval by the Housing and Community Services Committee on 5th October 2017, Members noted the content of this report and the proposed amendments to the delivery of the Council's front line statutory homeless service.</i> <i>1.2 Members granted approval for the Strategic Director to agree the use of the Flexible Support Grant, the DCLG grant allocation and homeless prevention budget to deliver the Act and its associated enhanced prevention services and review functions.</i> <i>1.3 That within the £25k received (since the October Housing and Community Services Committee in December 2017) from the DCLG New Burdens funding, £15k is ring-fenced to provide rent deposits and/or rent in advance to people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness in order to secure accommodation in the private rented sector. The payments will be repayable back to the Council over the initial 12 months of the tenancy. This scheme will provide Officers with an additional prevention tool to assist homeless households.</i>	

6.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> LONE WORKER DEVICE</p>	
	<p>DECISION: <i>Members approved the purchase of an IT solution, Solo-Protect, to enhance the health and safety management arrangements for employees and Members of the Council who are assessed at risk due to the requirement to lone work or undertake work activities where there is an increased risk to their health and safety – working out of hours, for example.</i></p>	
7.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> SERVICE BASE BUDGETS 2018 / 2019</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 <i>That the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 1 for the Committee's Services were considered and included in the consolidated proposals for the General Fund.</i></p> <p>1.2 <i>Members considered and approved the proposed fees and charges for 2018/2019, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.</i></p> <p>1.3 <i>Members approved a 2% increase in contributions to Parish Councils in 2018/19 for Concurrent Functions.</i></p> <p>1.4 <i>Members approved an increased one-off repairs and maintenance sum of £75,000, included in the Base Budget for expenditure on the Boardman Industrial units car park.</i></p>	
8.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> BUDGET REPORT 2018/19, INCORPORATING THE CONSOLIDATED BUDGET PROPOSALS AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2023</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 <i>Members considered the estimates of revenue income and expenditure for 2018/19 for the General Fund and approved a level of income and expenditure.</i></p> <p>1.2 <i>Members approved a 2% increase in grants to voluntary bodies and payments to Parish Councils under concurrent functions.</i></p> <p>1.3 <i>That the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 of 32,467 (equivalent Band D) properties, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved.</i></p>	

	<p>1.4 That a Council Tax Surplus of £500,000 be declared on the Collection Fund for 2017/18 and the Council's proportion of £55,000 be transferred to the General Fund in 2018/19.</p> <p>1.5 Members approved an increase of 1.95% in the rate of Council Tax for 2018/19, to be referred to Council on 26th February 2018.</p> <p>1.6 Members approved the updated 5-year financial projection on the General Fund to 2023, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, including associated assumptions and risks as detailed in the report.</p> <p>1.7 That the General Fund Statutory Balance be increased from £1m to £1.5m.</p> <p>1.8 That a strategy and action plan be drawn up to generate budget savings on the General Fund ahead of 2019/20.</p> <p>1.9 That £250,000 of the General Reserve Balance be allocated to a further round of the Community Partnership Grant Scheme.</p> <p>1.10 That the decisions made in recommendations 1.1 to 1.9 above be used as the basis for consultation with local residents, businesses, voluntary and community groups, etc. and are subject to review by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	
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DATED: Friday 12th January 2018
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.