

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

At the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 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, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

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> <b>RECRUITMENT OF BIKEABILITY CO-ORDINATOR</b>	
	<b>DECISION:</b>  <i>The Committee approved the recruitment of a Bikeability Co-ordinator, within the Active Communities and Health Unit of Cultural and Community Services. The new post will coordinate and deliver the South Derbyshire Active Schools Partnership's (SDASP) Bikeability programme.</i>	
8	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> <b>RECRUITMENT OF ACTIVE SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP (ASP) PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) AND SCHOOL SPORT COACH</b>	
	<b>DECISION:</b>  <i>1.1 The Committee approved the recruitment of an Active Schools' Partnership (ASP) Physical Education (PE) and School Sport Coach, within the Active Communities and Health Team of Cultural and Community Services. The new post will support the delivery of the South Derbyshire ASP's (SDASP) PE and School Sport programme.</i>  <i>1.2 The Committee approved the recruitment of additional ASP PE &amp; School Sport Coaches subject to service demand of the SDASP PE and School Sport programme.</i>  <i>1.3 The Committee gave the Strategic Director – Service Delivery delegated authority to extend the contracts of relevant ASP PE and School Sport Coaches subject to</i>	

	<i>continued and/or growing service demand of the SDASP PE and School Sport programme and funding being secured.</i>	
9	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> <b>GENERAL FUND CONSOLIDATED BUDGET REPORT 2022/23 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2026/27</b>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><b>1.1</b> <i>The Committee considered and approved the estimates of revenue income and expenditure on the General Fund for 2022/23.</i></p> <p><b>1.2</b> <i>The Committee approved a 2% increase on grants to voluntary bodies and Parish Councils for concurrent functions.</i></p> <p><b>1.3</b> <i>The Committee recommended to Full Council that the rate of Council Tax for 2022/23 should be increased by £4.95.</i></p> <p><b>1.4</b> <i>The Committee approved the updated five-year financial projection for the General Fund to 2026/27 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report and all the associated assumptions and risks as included in the report.</i></p> <p><b>1.5</b> <i>The Committee noted the Council's National Non-Domestic Rates return (NNDR1) for 2021/22 showing retained business rates of £10,838,722 for 2022/23.</i></p>	
10	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> <b>CAPITAL BUDGET TO 2027</b>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><b>1.1</b> <i>The Committee considered and approved the capital programme expenditure and funding to 2027.</i></p> <p><b>1.2</b> <i>The Committee approved that the current Fleet Management Strategy and Vehicle Replacement Plan be reviewed in 2022/23 and be realigned to the level of resources currently available and that the outcome be reported back to the Committee.</i></p>	
11	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> <b>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET, FINANCIAL PLAN AND PROPOSED RENT 2022-23</b>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><b>1.1</b> <i>The Committee approved the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2022/23, together with the 10-year Financial Plan for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as</i></p>	

	<p><i>detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.</i></p> <p><b>1.2 The Committee approved 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.</b></p>	
12	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>TREASURY MANGEMENT COUNTERPARTY LIMITS UPDATE</b></p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><i>The Committee approved the updated Counterparty List for investments and bank deposits as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.</i></p>	
13	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>PROPOSED REVISED COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2022 – 2023 &amp; CONSULTATON FEEDBACK</b></p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p><b>1.1 The Committee noted the consultation activity carried out in relation to proposed changes to South Derbyshire’s Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working-age residents.</b></p> <p><b>1.2 The Committee supported the adoption of a banded scheme, as well as all other changes proposed as part of the consultation, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The introduction of a banded scheme.</i></li> <li>• <i>The removal of the baseline, so those on the lowest incomes would no longer need to pay 8.5% or 10% towards their Council Tax.</i></li> <li>• <i>The removal of second adult rebate.</i></li> <li>• <i>The introduction of a standard £5 non-dependent deduction.</i></li> <li>• <i>The treating of Universal Credit claims as a claim for council tax support.</i></li> <li>• <i>The introduction of a minimum award.</i></li> <li>• <i>Changes to bring the scheme into line with recent changes to other welfare benefits.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>1.3 The Committee recommended to Full Council on 23 February 2022 the adoption of a banded scheme and all other changes as proposed in 1.2 of the report.</b></p> <p><b>1.4 The Committee recommended that £20,000 of the Welfare Reform Fund be set aside for hardship cases that may arise as a result of the implementation of the proposed changes in 2022/2023.</b></p>	

14	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> <b>SUPPORTING ASPIRATIONS ACTION PLAN</b>	
	<b>DECISION:</b>  <i>The Committee endorsed the Supporting Aspirations Action Plan.</i>	
	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> <b>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b>	
15	<b>DECISION:</b>  <i>The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.</i>	

DATED: Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
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.