

MINUTES OF CABINET

9 JANUARY 2023

PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Miss Lawrence, Picker, Poole and Ms Robbins.

Councillors Edwards, Mistry, Mrs O'Rourke and Roodhouse were also in attendance.

45. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Roberts.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

48. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Finance, Performance, Legal and Governance Portfolio

49. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2023/24, DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE CAPITAL BUDGET 2023/24 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023-27

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the Council's draft General Fund and Capital budget position for 2023/24 alongside the 2-23-27 Medium Term Financial Plan, and the Council Tax Base for 2023/24.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget position for 2023/24 alongside the Council's 2023-2027 Medium Term Financial Plan be noted;
- (2) the Council Tax Base 2023/24 as detailed in Section 4.2 and Appendix 2 be approved; and
- (3) subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and the Leader of the Council, delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Finance and Performance to amend the Council Tax Base, subject to the details of the final funding allocations for 2023/24 having an impact on the calculation used in this report.

50. ENERGY REBATES AND COVID 19 GRANTS

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning an update on the amount of grant funding issued to householders and businesses under the Energy Rebate Scheme and Covid 19 grants.

RESOLVED THAT – progress made in delivering the grants on behalf of householders and businesses be noted.

Communities and Homes Portfolio

51. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2023/24 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023-2027

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance and the Chief Officer - Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning the Council's draft Housing Revenue Account revenue and capital position for 2023/24 alongside the Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Plan for 2023-2027.

RESOLVED THAT - the draft Housing Revenue Account approved capital budgets for 2023/24 and the updated Medium Term Financial Plan in Appendices A, B and C be noted.

52. SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION FUND PROPOSALS

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer - Communities and Homes (Part 1 - agenda item 8) concerning a proposed grant funding bid to facilitate an external wall insulation project to 112 Wimpey No-Fines properties in Long Lawford and the Rokeby estate.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) in anticipation that the Council's bid to the Midlands Energy Hub is successful, the facilitating of an external wall insulation project to 112 Wimpey No-Fines properties in Long Lawford and Rokeby be approved;
- (2) the allocation of £1.09m grant award, if the bid is successful, to enable the delivery of a programme of energy efficiency improvements to the 112 Wimpey No-Fines properties in Long Lawford and Rokeby be approved;
- (3) a supplementary budget of £2.18m (made up of the £1.09m grant award plus the required £1.09m match funding) be approved in accordance with the match-funding requirements, to be met from the £1.000m HRA Climate Change reserve and the remainder from HRA Major Repairs reserve; and
- (4) regular updates on the progress of any resulting programme of works including risks be provided to the Climate Emergency Working Group.

Change and Transformation Portfolio

53. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME PROGRESS UPDATE

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (Part 1- agenda item 9) concerning progress on the delivery of the Council's transformation programme.

RESOLVED THAT - the transformation programme progress update be noted.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

54. TOWN HALL WORKS UPDATE

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (Part 1- agenda item 10) concerning progress on works to the Town Hall.

RESOLVED THAT – progress on works to the Town Hall, as detailed in the report, be noted.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

CHAIRMAN