

MINUTES OF CABINET

4 FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors Stokes (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Lowe, Mrs Parker and Ms Robbins.

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

68. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

69. APOLOGIES

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

70. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

71. GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019-23

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the General Fund revenue and capital budget for 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan for 2019-23.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) the updated draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget position for 2019/20 be noted alongside the Council's 2019-23 Medium Term Financial Plan and recommend this to be considered by Full Council on 26th February 2019;

(2) the proposed Fees & Charges for 2019/20 as set out at Appendix 7, with delegated responsibility to the Joint Committee for the Crematorium fees and charges, be approved;

(3) Cabinet considers the key decisions identified to date and identifies other policy or service changes required for consideration to deliver a balanced budget for 2019/20;

(4) the Reserves Summary at Appendix 8 to the report be noted.

72. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2018/19 – QUARTER 3

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Council's anticipated financial and performance position for 2018/19.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Council's anticipated financial position for 2018/19 be noted;
- (2) the HRA capital budget of £50,000 for 2018/19 for the Door Security Systems be returned to balances; and
- (3) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -
 - (a) a GF budget virement of £54,000 be approved for 2018/19 only from Regulatory Services towards the Corporate Savings Target. This is in relation to salary underspends within the service; and
 - (b) performance summary and performance data included in Appendix 4 be considered and noted.

73. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2019/20 INCORPORATING INVESTMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1- agenda item 7) concerning the Council's Capital Strategy incorporating the Investment and Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) the Capital Strategy for 2019/20 as an overarching strategy for the Council be approved;
- (2) the Treasury Management Strategy including associated limits and specific indicators (section 4 and Appendix B) for 2019/20 – 2021/22 be approved;
- (3) the Investment Strategy for 2019/20 including associated limits and specific indicators (section 5 and Appendix C) be approved; and
- (4) the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy be approved.

74. REVIEW OF CIVIC FUNERALS

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning a review of civic funerals.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT –

- (1) the Council no longer makes arrangements for civic funerals; and
- (2) the protocol relating to the death of a civic figure, as at Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.

Communities and Homes Portfolio

75. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019-23

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer and Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1- agenda item 9) concerning the draft Housing Revenue Account capital and revenue budgets for 2019/20 and the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2019-23.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the draft revenue and capital budgets at Appendices A and B for 2019/20 be noted; and
- (2) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT, following the abolition of the statutory HRA Limit on Indebtedness (“debt cap”), a local indicator of £110m be agreed for the period 2019-2023.

76. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GRANTS WORKING PARTY

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning proposed terms of reference for the Grants Working Party.

It was noted that the terminology of ‘Chairman’ had been used in the proposed terms of reference. This would be amended to read, ‘Chair’.

RESOLVED THAT – the proposed terms of reference for the Grants Working Party be approved.

Items considered en bloc

77. APPROVAL OF NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES RETURN – NNDR1 2019/20

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 11) concerning the approval of the Council’s national non-domestic rates return for 2019/20.

RESOLVED THAT – the National Non-Domestic Rates Return – NNDR1 2019/20 be approved.

78. URGENT DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – APPROVAL OF THE BRANDON AND BRETTFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REFERENDUM

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 12) concerning an urgent decision taken under delegated powers with regard to the approval of the Brandon and Bretford Neighbourhood Development Plan for referendum.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

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

79. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

80. NOMINATION FOR CIVIC HONOUR – REPORT OF THE CIVIC HONOURS WORKING PARTY

Cabinet considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning a nomination for a civic honour as recommended by the Civic Honours Working Party.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT, subject to accepting the nomination, the conferment of the honour of Freedom of the Borough be bestowed upon the nominee, as detailed in the report.

CHAIRMAN