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RECORD OF DECISIONS MADE BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE CABINET

Tuesday, 15th February, 2022 at 10.00 am

Cllr Oliver Hemsley (Chair)	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy, Strategy and Partnerships, Economy and Infrastructure
Cllr Lucy Stephenson (Deputy Chair)	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change
Cllr Samantha Harvey	Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Care
Cllr Karen Payne	Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Performance, Change and Transformation
Cllr Ian Razzell	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport
Cllr David Wilby	Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services

Decisions Published on Wednesday, 16 February 2022.

Key Decisions will be implemented on 24 February 2022 unless the Call-in Procedure as outlined in Procedure Rule 206 is invoked.

6 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2022/23

In consultation with Cabinet Councillor Karen Payne, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Performance, Change and Transformation recommended to Council that it:

- **APPROVES** the General Fund Budget for 2022/23 of £42.345m (Section 11)
- **APPROVES** an increase in Council Tax of 4.99% including 3% for the Adult Social Care precept resulting in a Band D charge of £1,917.36 (Section 10)
- **APPROVES** use of the remaining Government hardship fund to provide further council tax discounts to the most vulnerable residents (10.2.2)
- **DELEGATES** authority to the Strategic Director for Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Finance to administer the Council Tax energy rebate scheme using new burdens funding as appropriate.
- **DELEGATES** authority to the Strategic Director for Resources and Strategic Director for Adult Services and Health to use any new burdens funding for adult social care charging reforms as required to enable the Council to meet the October 2023 target dates.

- **DELEGATES** authority for the Chief Executive or Strategic Director for Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Finance to continue discussions with cost reduction consultants and spend up to £100k on a viable project (8.3.7).
- **APPROVES** additions/deletions to the capital programme as per 12.1.2
- **APPROVES** changes to earmarked reserves as per 9.2.3
- **NOTES** that additional revenue or capital expenditure may be incurred in 2022/23 funded through 2021/22 budget under spends to be carried forward via earmarked reserves. The use of reserves for budget carry forwards is not currently shown in the budget but will have no impact on the General Fund
- **APPROVES** the estimated surplus of £186k on the Collection Fund as at 31 March 2022 (Section 10.3) of which £159k is the Rutland share
- **NOTES** the responses to consultation (Section 15)
- **NOTES** the position on the Dedicated Schools Grant budget (Section 14)
- **DELEGATES** authority to the s151 Officer to make any necessary changes to the budget arising from the Council tax decision and/or any additional funding received.

7 FEES AND CHARGES 2022/23

In consultation with Cabinet Councillor Karen Payne, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Performance, Change and Transformation recommended Council:

- 1) To **APPROVE** the level of fees and charges for 2022/23 as set out in Appendices 1-4 except for taxi and private hire vehicle licenses.
- 2) To **APPROVE** new fees for:
 - Learning Disability Day Centre Places (para 3.5),
 - Highways Vehicle Access Permits (para 4.5), and s278 agreement minimum fee (para 4.3),
 - Parking of solo motorcycles, Blue Badge over 3 hours, permits for residents in zone A and U3A permits for visitors of residents in zones C, E & V, and permits for carers (paras 4.17 and 4.20),
 - Coach Parking at Kilburn Road (para 4.18),
 - New parking services delivery, collection and photocopying of permits/season tickets, (para 4.21)
 - Installation of Advisory Blue Badge bays on street (para 4.22),
 - S106 monitoring fees (para 4.23) and exceptional review of Community Infrastructure Levy (para 4.24),
 - Museum and Castle full day hire and exclusive hire of the Castle for ceremonies (paras 4.10 and 4.11)
 - Registrars diary amendments and bookings (para 4.13).
- 3) To **NOTE** that taxi and private hire vehicle licenses fees will be subject to change based on the outcome of forthcoming consultation through a public notice procedure and be brought back for approval following that consultation.

8 QUARTER 3 FINANCE UPDATE

Councillor Karen Payne, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Performance, Change and Transformation and the Cabinet **NOTED** the updated financial position.

9 SUSTAINABLE WARMTH FUNDING ALLOCATION AND AWARD

In consultation with Cabinet Councillor Ian Razzell, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport:

- 1) Notes the resources available from the existing partnership with Peterborough City Council for housing retrofit.
- 2) Delegates the final decision regarding the Sustainable Warmth Funding Allocation from the Midlands Energy Hub for Local Authority Delivery Phase 3 and Home Upgrade Grant Phase 1, to the Strategic Director for Places, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Planning, and the Section 151 Officer.

10 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND FORESTRY PROCUREMENT

In consultation with Cabinet, Councillor Lucy Stephenson: Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Communities, Environment and Climate Change:

- 1) **APPROVED** the re-procurement of a combined grounds maintenance and forestry contract as detailed in the Pre-Procurement Business Case attached at appendix A and in accordance with the service-led governance arrangements detailed in the report.
- 2) **NOTED** that the Council has exercised a contractual option to extend the existing Grounds Maintenance contract to now expire on the 31st December 2023.
- 3) **NOTED** that the Council has exercised a contractual option to extend the existing Forestry contract to now expire on 31st December 2023.

11 PRIORITISED PROGRAMME FOR SPENDING OF COMMUTED SUMS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In consultation with Cabinet Councillor Ian Razzell, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport:

- 1) **APPROVED** the priorities listed in section 3 of this report noting of the likely level of resources available for allocation through the bidding rounds.
- 2) **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director of Places to establish a bidding process for grant applications setting out in a separate document for bidders the priorities in section 3, other lower priority bids that may be accepted and the details of the scoring matrix to be used by the Council.
- 3) **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director of Places to determine grant applications in accordance with the bidding process.

13 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONTRACT AWARD

In consultation with Cabinet Councillor Ian Razzell, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport:

- 1) **APPROVED** the procurement model (section 4) and criteria for the award of home to school transport (Appendix B) contracts for academic year 22/23.
- 2) **DELEGATED** authority to the Strategic Director for Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways & Transport to award the contracts resulting from this procurement.

14 BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP

In consultation with Cabinet Councillor Ian Razzell, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport:

- 1) **APPROVED** the draft Rutland Enhanced Partnership (EP) Plan and Enhanced Partnership (EP) for submission to Council for approval.
- 2) **DELEGATES** authority to the Strategic Director for Places, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport to approve any amendments to the EP Plan and EP Scheme prior to Council and recommends Council to undertake the same delegation.
- 3) **NOTED** that the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Enhanced Partnership Scheme once 'made' will be legally binding.
- 4) **NOTED** that the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Enhanced Partnership Scheme are subject to statutory consultation prior to being 'made'.