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Date: 15 December 2021

Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 14 December 2021

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 the following decisions were reached on the items listed in the attached schedule.

The implementation of any key decisions are suspended until the call-in period has expired without a call-in being validly invoked.

Under the Rushcliffe Borough Council Constitution, call-in is available in respect to key decisions only.

The call-in deadline for any key decisions contained in this Decision Notice is before the end of the working day on Thursday, 23 December 2021. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 23 December 2021.

Any Member of the Council shall be entitled to call for a decision to be suspended. To effect the call-in procedure, the appropriate form should be completed and returned to the Chief Executive by the end of the working day on Thursday, 23 December 2021.

REVIEW OF INVESTMENT ASSETS

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) the methodology of assessing the Council's commercial property portfolio on an ongoing basis be supported; and
- b) a review of the commercial property portfolio be undertaken every two years, reporting back to the Governance Scrutiny Group and Cabinet.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

It is important that the Council takes a proactive approach to managing its assets to avoid any issues in the future. The review, and the accompanying report, provides transparency on the performance of the commercial property portfolio and allows the opportunity for review and challenge, so options for the future can be considered in detail.

There are currently no high-risk properties and, therefore, no immediate action is deemed to be required. However, the proposed ongoing monitoring and review will

ensure that should action be required, this will be brought to the attention of members in a timely manner, as appropriate.

STREETWISE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the Streetwise Annual report 2020-21 be approved and comments made by the Governance Scrutiny Group be noted.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

It was agreed by Cabinet in January 2021, to simplify the reporting procedures for Streetwise and to make them more transparent. The previous holding company Rushcliffe Enterprises Ltd has been made dormant, and the companies will now report to an Oversight Board, made up of three Cabinet members and three officers, on at least a biannual basis. In addition, the annual report will be submitted to the Governance Scrutiny Group for comment before being passed on to Cabinet.

RATCLIFFE ON SOAR UPDATE

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the progress on the programmes in place to support the redevelopment of Ratcliffe on Soar be noted; and
- b) the Council's continued involvement in all programmes be endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

The East Midlands Freeport, the East Midlands Development Corporation and the STEP (Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production) have the potential to attract investment and spur local and regional economic growth, as well as enhancing international trade. This means new jobs and associated infrastructure to benefit local residents and communities, and it should also mean accelerated delivery of a large site in the Borough.

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY 2021-2030

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the Climate Change Strategy 2021-2030 be adopted as a Strategy of the Council;
- b) the Director – Neighbourhoods be granted delegated authority to make minor revisions to the Strategy, including an amendment to the introduction of the document, to reflect the wording contained in the Biodiversity chapter related to the ecological crisis, to ensure it meets the Council's objectives; and

- c) the Council's commitment to work in partnership to ensure that the Borough of Rushcliffe will be Net Zero for its emissions by 2050 be confirmed, in line with National Government's Net Zero targets.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

The environment is one of the Council's Corporate Priorities and in order to align with National Government's Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener, the adoption of this Climate Change Strategy will provide a clear demonstration of how the Council will work with its communities and partners towards making Rushcliffe a carbon neutral Borough by 2050.

The current adopted Climate Change Strategy ran to the end of 2020, and needs updating for its work to continue in line with the Environment Act 2021. This new Strategy will frame the current actions and work streams outlined in the Council's Carbon Management Plan, which seeks to make the Council's operational services carbon neutral by 2030.

The revision to the recommendation to amend the Strategy to reflect the wording contained in the Biodiversity chapter supports the Council's commitment to the protection of ecology.

REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22 - Q2

It was RESOLVED that the report be approved, and the following be noted:

- a) the expected revenue budget efficiency for the year of £0.673m, incorporating the potential appropriation of £1m to a Vehicle Replacement Reserve (to be included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy report to Full Council in 2022);
- b) the use of £0.1m in budget efficiencies from 2021/22, to boost the Strategic Growth Board budget in 2022/23, to support the community recovery from Covid, at paragraph 4.4 of the report;
- c) the capital underspend of £10.204m, of which £8.420m is to be carried forward: £8.295m to the 2022/23 Capital Programme and £0.125m to the 2025/26 Capital Programme;
- d) the acceleration of £40k capital provision for Play Areas from 2022/23 to 2021/22 to meet commitments;
- e) the expected outturn position for Special Expenses of £10.2k deficit; and
- f) the planned use of reserves at paragraph 4.2 of the report.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To demonstrate good governance in terms of scrutinising the Council's on-going

financial position and compliance with Council Financial Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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Sanjit Sull
Monitoring Officer