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### **Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 14 February 2023**

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 14 February 2023 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 February 2023. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 23 February 2023.

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 February 2023.

### **2023/24 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

**It was RESOLVED that Cabinet RECOMMENDS to Council that it:**

- a) adopts the budget setting report and associated financial strategies 2023/24 to 2027/28, as set out in the Annex to the report;
- b) adopts the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 3 of the Annex;
- c) adopts the Capital and Investment Strategy at Appendix 4 of the Annex;
- d) adopts the Council Tax Support Scheme at Appendix 6 of the Annex;
- e) approves that the period for applying the Empty Homes Premium is reduced from 24 months to 12 months (as stated at Section 3.4 of the Annex) to help incentivise housing use within the Borough;
- f) sets Rushcliffe's 2023/24 Council Tax for a Band D property at £153.95 (increase from 2022/23 of £3.02 or 2%);

- g) approves the Council Tax Support Fund (CTSF) to support economically vulnerable households with up to a £25 reduction in their Council Tax bills;
- h) linked to the CTSF, approves further funding from RBC of around £30k to ensure anyone in Bands A to D Council Tax are given a discount, effectively resulting in no person up to a Band D paying an increase in the Rushcliffe element of Council Tax;
- i) sets the Special Expenses for West Bridgford, Ruddington and Keyworth, Appendix 1 of the Annex, resulting in the following Band D Council Tax levels for the Special Expense Areas:
  - i) West Bridgford £55.95 (£53.91 in 2022/23);
  - ii) Keyworth £4.38 (£3.30 in 2022/23);
  - iii) Ruddington £3.68 (£3.82 in 2022/23);
- j) adopts the Pay Policy Statement at Appendix 7 of the Annex; and
- k) delegates authority to the Director – Finance and Corporate Services to make any minor amendments to the Medium Term Financial Strategy once the final local government finance settlement is received and advise the Finance Portfolio Holder accordingly, to be reported to Full Council.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To comply with the Local Government Finance Act (1972) and ensuring the budget enables corporate objectives to be achieved. The Council is required to set a balanced budget and demonstrate that it has adequate funds and reserves to address its risks. Covid and recent inflation risks has highlighted the importance of adequate reserves to support short-term shocks.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT**

**It was RESOLVED that** the content of the 2021/22 Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement be acknowledged.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The Infrastructure Statement, provided at Appendix A to the report, presents infrastructure funding received as payments and secured as future payments through agreements or delivered as on-site provision and secured for future on-site delivery.

As such, the statement is a factual report of funds received, secured for future receipt, and spent in the financial year, which it covers. The reporting of the document helps ensure that Councillors are aware of income and outgoings from CIL and s106 funds.

The Council's adopted Infrastructure List currently identifies the categories of infrastructure on which Strategic CIL will be spent. Previously, the infrastructure which could be funded through CIL was limited to items on the list through section 123 of the CIL Regulations. That requirement has since been withdrawn and in future the Council has the option to change the categories of infrastructure on which CIL funds can be spent. Any decision to make changes to these infrastructure categories will be dealt with through the CIL Framework Appraisal process.

If the Council chooses to, one way of deciding what, if any, additional infrastructure types could be funded through Strategic CIL will be to consider the way in which local communities are utilising their neighbourhood CIL.

## **CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT POLICY REVIEW**

**It was RESOLVED that** the proposed amendments to the Corporate Enforcement Policy be endorsed.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

It is important that the Council has an up-to-date Corporate Enforcement Policy, which accurately reflects the approach taken to enforcement corporately and links with the area specific enforcement protocols/policies produced by the various departments, who have enforcement responsibilities and powers within the Council.

It is important for Councillors to have the opportunity to understand more about enforcement powers the Council can use as well as the framework within which the Council's Enforcement Officers operate.

Yours sincerely,



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