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## **Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 13 February 2024**

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 13 February 2024 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, 22 February 2024. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 22 February 2024.

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, 22 February 2024.

## **2024/25 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

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

- a) adopts the budget setting report and associated financial strategies 2024/25 to 2028/29 (attached Annex) including the summarised Special Expenses budget at Appendix 1, Budget Summary at Appendix 2, changes to fees and charges regarding Garden Waste and Car Parking (Appendix 5) and Transformation and Efficiency Plan at Appendix 7;
- b) adopts the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 3;
- c) adopts the Capital and Investment Strategy at Appendix 8;
- d) adopts the Second Home Premium at Section 3.4 and any notification of further exemptions to be adopted and incorporated into a revised policy;
- e) sets Rushcliffe's 2024/25 Council Tax for a Band D property at £157.88 (increase from 2023/24 of £3.93 or 2.55%);

- f) sets the Special Expenses for 2024/25 for West Bridgford, Ruddington and Keyworth, Appendix 1, resulting in the following Band D Council Tax levels for the Special Expense Areas:
  - i) West Bridgford £59.44 (£55.95 in 2023/24)
  - ii) Keyworth £4.69 (£4.38 in 2023/24)
  - iii) Ruddington £3.29 (£3.68 in 2023/24);
- g) adopts the Pay Policy Statement at Appendix 6; and
- h) delegates authority to the Director – Finance and Corporate Services to make any minor amendments to the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 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. Recent inflation risks have highlighted the importance of adequate reserves to support short-term shocks.

## **UKSPF PROGRAMME FOR 2024/25**

### **It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the UKSPF activity delivered in 2023/24 be recognised;
- b) the proposals for UKSPF in 2024/25 be endorsed; and
- c) sign-off of refinements to proposals for 2024/25 be delegated to the Leader, Chief Executive and S151 Officer, with both the revenue and capital implications reported in future financial reports to Cabinet and the Medium Term Financial Strategy to Full Council.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

It is important to have a clear framework and principles for UKSPF and REPF activity to be delivered in 2024/25 and for this to be endorsed by Cabinet. However, it may be necessary to make adjustments to ensure that funds are allocated where they can have the most impact and to be able to respond to opportunities as they may arise throughout the year. In the interest of not slowing delivery and risk not spending the full allocation, it is appropriate for authority to approve final delivery plans to be delegated to the Leader, Chief Executive and S151 Officer.

## **POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF THE WEST BRIDGFORD CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE**

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) exploring the relocation of the Customer Service Centre to West Bridgford Library as soon as possible in conjunction with Inspire, who operate the site on Nottinghamshire County Council's behalf be approved; and
- b) the Council's Property team be requested to work with partners to market the existing Fountain Court premises to find a suitable tenant in line with its lease obligations at the site.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

Sharing service space with public sector or other partners continues the Council's service model, building on contact points at Cotgrave, Bingham and East Leake to deliver value for money services. In addition, potential savings could further contribute to the financial stability of the Borough Council. Ultimately, the location and service arrangements should continue to give excellent customer service for those that require in person meetings and maintain security and safety, for staff, customers and personal information.

Yours sincerely,



**Gemma Dennis  
Monitoring Officer**