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Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 11 February 2025

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 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, 20 February 2025. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 20 February 2025.

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, 20 February 2025.

NON-KEY DECISIONS

2025/26 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STRATEGY

It was RESOLVED that Cabinet RECOMMENDS to Council that it:

- a) adopts the budget setting report and associated financial strategies 2025/26 to 2029/30 (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 at Appendix 5 and Transformation and Efficiency Plan at Appendix 7, with the exception of the proposed £6,000 efficiency for a move to digital bin calendars, which shall be retained;
- b) adopts the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 3;
- c) adopts the Capital and Investment Strategy at Appendix 8;
- d) sets Rushcliffe's 2025/26 Council Tax for a Band D property at £161.77 (increase from 2024/25 of £3.89 or 2.46%);

- e) sets the Special Expenses for 2025/26 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 £64.84 (£59.44 in 2024/25)
 - ii) Keyworth £3.21 (£4.69 in 2024/25)
 - iii) Ruddington £3.14 (£3.29 in 2024/25);
- f) adopts the Pay Policy Statement at Appendix 6; and
- g) 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 economic events highlight the importance of adequate reserves to withstand volatility.

REVOCATION OF THE BOROUGH'S AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS (AQMA1 AND 1/2011)

It was RESOLVED that the revocation of the Borough's Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA 1 and 1/2011) be approved.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) is set out in Part IV of the Environment Act 1995, which places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their area to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved. The Council approved the adoption of two Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) in 2005 and 2011 and has been actively carrying out air quality monitoring at these locations since. The levels have been continuously below the national air quality thresholds for the last five years so it is therefore proposed to revoke both AQMAs'.

RUSHCLIFFE PLAY STRATEGY 2025-2030

It was RESOLVED that the updated Play Strategy 2025-2030 be adopted as a Strategy of the Council and supporting document to the Council's overall Leisure Strategy 2021 – 2027.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

It is imperative that Rushcliffe Borough Council has an up-to-date Play Strategy to guide future provision for both Council owned and by other parties to ensure that play facilities continue to meet the needs of residents and contribute to community wellbeing.

The Strategy has been developed through a robust process adopting industry recognised methodology. This included a detailed assessment of current play provision mapping to provide an up-to-date picture of current provision across the Borough.

The Strategy was informed by a series of online surveys and in person focus group consultations across the Borough with specific sessions targeting young people with additional needs and disabilities and sessions focussing on tweenagers (9 – 12-year-olds) and teenage girls to inform future policy.

ASSET INVESTMENT GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Asset Investment Group as referred to in Paragraph 4.5 of the report be approved.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To ensure good governance is maintained in the acquisition of assets on behalf of the Council.

OFFICER AND MEMBER INDEMNITY

It was RESOLVED that the grant of an indemnity for officers and Members as referred to at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To ensure Members and officers have appropriate protection from personal liability in relation to Council's appointments and positions. Failure to indemnify Members and officers may result in individuals being reluctant to work for or with or be appointed to outside bodies or other external organisations if there is a potential associated personal liability.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Pregon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Sara Pregon
Monitoring Officer