

When telephoning, please ask for: Laura Webb
Direct dial 0115 914 8511
Email constitutionalservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Our reference:

Your reference:

Date: Wednesday 13 February 2019

Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 12 February 2019

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 12 February 2019 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 21 February 2019. Subject to any Call in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday 21 February 2019.

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 21 February 2019.

KEY DECISIONS

EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY

It was RESOLVED that

- a) The Empty Homes Strategy 2019 -2024 be approved and,
- b) The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods be authorised to make minor revisions to the Strategy during its lifespan

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To create a strategic framework and associated action plan which will detail how the Council will seek to target and address empty homes in the Borough.

BINGHAM LEISURE CENTRE - REVIEW OF CHAPEL LANE SITE

It was RESOLVED that

- a) the outcome of the options appraisal be noted and the preferred option of a new leisure centre (with community hall) and stand-alone offices be approved;
- b) the procurement of a professional team to proceed to the next stage to proceed to the next stage of design, planning approval and tender development be authorised;
- c) a Cabinet led Member group to oversee the leisure aspect of the report be appointed;
- d) the financial implications identified within the report be noted and the inclusion of £20m in the Councils Capital Programme together with the funding and resource implications associated with the development in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved and presented to Full Council on 7 March 2019;
- e) once successful planning permission has been achieved a further report be provided with pre-tender estimates and any revised funding consequences.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

Development of a new leisure centre alongside stand-alone serviced offices responds to market requirements combined with intelligence indicating good levels of local demand for offices at competitive rents. It also compliments the wider masterplan for Bingham by creating an attractive gateway to and from the new housing development within the north of the town as well as providing employment and economic regeneration benefits.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2019/20

It was RESOLVED that Cabinet recommend that Council;

- a) adopts the budget setting report and associated financial strategies 2019/20 to 2023/2024, including the Transformation Strategy and Efficiency Statement to deliver efficiencies over the five year period.
- b) Adopts the Capital programme, as set out in Appendix 4 of the annex to the officer's report.
- c) Adopts the Capital and Investment Strategy, as set out in Appendix 5 of the officer's report.
- d) Sets Rushcliffe Borough Council's element of the 2019/20 Council Tax for a Band D property at £137.39.

e) Sets the Special Expenses for West Bridgford, Ruddington and Keyworth, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the annex to the officer's report, resulting in the following Band D Council tax levels for the Special Expenses area:

- i. West Bridgford £48.51
- ii. Keyworth £1.60
- iii. Ruddington £3.37

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To comply with the Local Government Finance Act (1992) and ensuring the budget enables corporate objectives to be achieved.

The Council is required to set a balanced budget and that it has adequate funds and reserves to address its risks.

REVISION TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY GROUP

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) The membership of the EPC be continued.
- b) The amended Constitution (Terms of Reference, Membership and procedures) of the EPC be approved.
- c) Nottingham City Council continue to host the Committee and provide all secretarial, legal and financial support services, (including S151 and Monitoring Officer roles) be approved. The annual costs be agreed by the constituent authorities and to be met in equal shares. The chairing of the Committee may be transferred to Nottinghamshire County Council in future as is allowed for in the terms of reference.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To support the Council's continued membership of the EPC

To update Cabinet on the amendment to the term of reference of the EPC.

To note the costs of membership of the EPC.

DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF POLICY REVIEW

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) The new policy for Discretionary Rates Relief be approved.

- b) The Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services be delegated authority to amend the policy within the next 3 years following expected changes to the current business rates scheme in 2020/21.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To ensure that there is a consistent approach to the award of any discretionary rate relief (DRR).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sull', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sanjit Sull
Monitoring Officer