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Date: Wednesday 11 September 2019

Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 10 September 2019

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 10 September 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 19 September 2019. Subject to any Call in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday 19 September 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 19 September 2019.

USE OF CAPITAL FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES

It was RESOLVED that:

a) the principle that the following new options, indicated below and set out in Appendix A, be considered for allocation of capital support from the Affordable Housing capital budget:

i) Acquisition of open market property

ii) Acquisition of empty property

iii) Loans to property owners of empty properties for refurbishment and letting

iv) Loans to third parties to support the provision of affordable housing

v) Support to ensure council led schemes are policy compliant in respect of the provision of affordable housing

b) any chosen option be subject to the approval of both the Section 151 Officer and Finance Portfolio Holder

c) a revised Disposal and Acquisition Policy for Land and Buildings be brought to Cabinet (and then Council), particularly to consider delegated authority for the acquisition of housing property.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

The opportunities for the allocation of the affordable housing budget through traditional avenues have reduced due to a range of external factors and, as such, the Council needs to review its strategy to allocate these funds for purposes for which they are held. These additional options provide the Council the opportunity to react with greater flexibility in respect of meeting local housing needs and achieving the best return from its capital budget.

CORPORATE STRATEGY

It was RESOLVED that:

The Corporate Strategy 2019-23 be endorsed and recommended to Council for approval.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

The current Corporate Strategy expires at the end of March 2020. Significant progress has been made towards the goals outlined in that Strategy and an updated, more forward-looking strategy is required to guide the future direction of the Council.

REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2019/20 - FINANCIAL UPDATE

It was RESOLVED that:

a) the projected revenue position for the year with a minor -2.48% variation (£285k) in the revenue position (mostly due to the expected business rates position and planning income); and

b) the capital underspend of £15.326m as a result of sums no longer required and planned programme slippage be noted.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sull', enclosed within a light gray rectangular border.

Sanjit Sull
Monitoring Officer