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Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 12 May 2020

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 12 May 2020 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 May 2020. Subject to any Call in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 21 May 2020.

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 May 2020.

KEY DECISIONS

DELEGATED DECISIONS FOR COVID-19

It was RESOLVED that

- a) the decisions made under delegated urgency provisions as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report be endorsed and that these should be exempted from call in on the grounds of urgency at the time the decision was made, and not subsequently;
- b) that a variation to the Parkwood/Lex leisure contract be negotiated, to cover the period when leisure centres have to remain closed due to Covid-19 and the Section 151 Officer (in consultation with the Monitoring Officer) be granted delegated authority to agree the contract variation;
- c) a report with recommendations on the future contractual arrangements and the variation with Parkwood/Lex Leisure be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting;
- d) the Council Tax Support grant policy paper (Appendix 1) to be endorsed by Full Council (as part of a revised Covid-19 Budget later in the year) be agreed; and

- e) the potential Discretionary Business Rates Grant Fund broad parameters (Appendix 3) be noted and once final guidance is received from central government, the delegation of completing Rushcliffe's final discretionary scheme to the portfolio holders for Finance and Business and Transformation; and the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services be approved.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

Following the outbreak of Covid-19 and the implementation firstly, of social distancing and subsequently, of the national lockdown, several urgent decisions had to be taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the relevant Portfolio Holder. This has been an unprecedented international situation. Legislative powers under the Coronavirus Act and ICT solutions have now been put in place in order to enable the holding of virtual Cabinet meetings and it is not anticipated that the circumstances which necessitated urgent delegated decision making will continue in the same way.

BUDGET UPDATE

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) the financial impact of Covid-19 on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) be noted and that a revised budget be supported and taken to Full Council once there is more certainty regarding the impact of lockdown and in particular the likely use of Reserves and Balances to meet the projected budget gap;
- b) the position on both Council investments and the likelihood of a change in the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) calculation which will be reported to the Governance Scrutiny Group in the Annual Capital and Investment Report be noted; and
- c) the Leader and Chief Executive be supported in making representations to Government and other interest groups to unlock further funding for the benefit of Rushcliffe's community and its businesses.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To ensure that the potential financial implications from a range of scenarios are considered and the Council is in a position to respond quickly to the changing environment emerging from the effects of Covid-19.

NON-KEY DECISION

DRAFT CHARACTER APPRAISAL AND PROPOSED CONSERVATION AREA FOR CROPWELL BISHOP

It is RESOLVED that

- a) the village of Cropwell Bishop would appear to possess qualities of special architectural and historic interest which would warrant its designation as a conservation area under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990;
- b) the Draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal and proposed conservation area boundary be approved for the purposes of public consultation, to last a period of 21 days and to include a public consultation event held in the village (timing of consultation and event will be influenced by any restrictions arising from the Coronavirus Pandemic); and
- c) a subsequent report following public consultation which may include a recommendation for the formal adoption of a revised conservation area character appraisal and for the designation of a conservation area for Cropwell Bishop be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

Cropwell Bishop has been investigated and assessed and is considered to be a place which would be desirable to preserve or enhance.

Following a request that Cropwell Bishop be considered for a conservation area, meetings were undertaken and a draft appraisal produced, supported by the Council's Conservation Officer. Preparation of a draft appraisal allows for the special architectural character and appearance of the area to be understood and defined and for a proposed conservation area boundary to be drawn.

The next stage is to obtain consent from Cabinet to take this draft document to public consultation. Following public consultation comments and responses will be considered, and any changes to the draft document and proposed boundary made before returning to Cabinet for the formal adoption of a finalised appraisal. If significant changes need to be made because of the consultation process, it may be necessary to seek approval for a second round of consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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

Sanjit Sull
Monitoring Officer