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Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 14 July 2020

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 14 July 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, 23 July 2020. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 23 July 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, 23 July 2020.

KEY DECISION

CREMATORIUM

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) the Chief Executive be authorised to appoint the successful multi-disciplinary design team to develop detailed designs for the crematorium and perform contract administration and management duties for the construction contract;
- b) the in-house operating model was agreed to provide the best return for the Council and that this should be developed working alongside the wider bereavement sector;
- c) the Chief Executive continue investigations into new technologies to enable the delivery of a greener crematorium for the Borough within the project budget;
- d) the commitment to delivering the build of the crematorium within the capital programme and projected revenue impact be confirmed, with a further report to be submitted to Cabinet, should pre-tender build

estimates be over budget; and

- e) the Corporate Overview Group be asked to allocate the appropriate scrutiny group to review and make comment on the detailed designs prior to build tenders being advertised for the construction.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

To meet the demand within the Borough for a modern and efficient crematorium facility. The development of the proposed crematorium will meet said demand, and investment in the facility makes sound economic sense for the Council.

The Crematorium will provide a modern, accessible community infrastructure for the residents of Rushcliffe, which will meet the needs of a growing population and corresponding services. To ensure the Crematorium will be delivered in accordance with the project timescales, a design team must be appointed to commence work on the detailed designs as soon as possible.

It is expected that the Crematorium will provide a revenue return for the Council estimated at £50m over the next 40 years using the in-house model; this represents a financial return of 9%. Based on current assumptions, an in-house operating model will deliver the greatest revenue return for the Council.

NON-KEY DECISION

BUDGET Q4

It is RESOLVED that:

- a) the 2019/20 revenue position and efficiencies identified in Table 1 in the report be noted and the carry forwards in Table 2 of the report be approved;
- b) the associated changes to the earmarked reserves as set out at Appendix B of the report be approved, and it be recommended to Full Council that it approves the transfer of three reserves totalling to £0.524m as stated at paragraph 4.8 to the Organisation Stabilisation Reserve from 2020/21;
- c) the re-profiled position on capital be noted and the capital carry forwards outlined in Appendix C of the report be approved; and
- d) the update on the Cricket Club loan in Section 5 be noted.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To accord with good financial governance and the Council's Financial Regulations.

COVID-19 UPDATE REPORT

It is RESOLVED that

- a) the revised financial impact of Covid-19 on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and the inclusion of these estimates and use of reserves and balances in the revised budget due be taken to Full Council be noted; and
- b) the contractual position and the ongoing extension to the Contract Variation agreement with Parkwood Leisure be noted.

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.

RUSHCLIFFE EQUALITY SCHEME

It is RESOLVED that:

- a) the comprehensive review of the 2016-2020 Equality Scheme be supported:
- b) the Corporate Overview Group be asked to programme member involvement and input into the scrutiny calendar; and
- c) a future report on a new and revised Equality Scheme be submitted to Cabinet.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

Rushcliffe Borough Council has a long history of working towards greater levels of equality in the Borough. As a public sector organisation, it is imperative that the Council represents its residents and ensures that its services are accessible to all.

It is timely to review the scheme and update it to reflect current circumstances and actions required.

MOORBRIDGE ROAD INDUSTRIAL UNITS

It is RESOLVED that:

- a) the Council does not proceed with the purchase of new industrial units at Moorbridge Road, Bingham given the increasing cost and adverse impact on the rate of return; and

- b) the Council keeps any future opportunities to buy new industrial units at Moorbridge Road, Bingham under review, to be considered by the Asset Investment Group if the acquisition meets the appropriate investment criteria and thereafter approval be sought by Cabinet.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

The scheme no longer meets the Council's Asset Investment Strategy criteria.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sull', written in a cursive style.

Sanjit Sull
Monitoring Officer