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Record of Decisions taken by Cabinet – Tuesday, 8 September 2020

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 8 September 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, 17 September 2020. Subject to any Call in request being received, all the decisions will be actioned after Thursday, 17 September 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, 17 September 2020.

POTENTIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

It was RESOLVED that:

- a) the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive be authorised to undertake engagement regarding Local Government Reorganisation options including proper public consultation with all affected parties, and following a clear timescale to be agreed, which allows due consideration for affected parties and respects local democracy;
- b) the Local Government Reorganisation Member Group be re-formed, chaired by the Leader of the Council, to engage with the process and support Rushcliffe Borough Council's involvement in shaping the future of local government;
- c) a budget of up to £60,000 be allocated for working collectively with other local authority partners to identify and consult on the best options for the future;
- d) the Cabinet be updated regularly on the progress of any work; and

- e) preferred options for any future Local Government Reorganisation that affects Rushcliffe Borough Council be referred to Full Council for consideration and debate.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

If Local Government Reorganisation is the direction of travel for central government, it is important for Rushcliffe Borough Council to engage in and influence the process positively and proactively, in order to secure the best future model for the residents of Rushcliffe.

REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2020/21 - FINANCIAL AND COVID UPDATE QUARTER 1

It was RESOLVED that

- a) the projected net effect of in-year efficiencies (£0.624m) and Covid-19 pressures (£2.564m) and Covid Government funding (£1.518m) resulting in an expected net revenue position for the year of £0.422m be noted;
- b) a projected £2.864m net surplus on Business Rates as a result of additional S31 reliefs be noted and this surplus be transferred to the Organisation Stabilisation Reserve to offset the expected Collection Fund deficit in later years;
- c) the capital underspend of £24.8m as a result of planned programme slippage be noted; and
- d) the projected Special Expenses position with a projected deficit of £0.119m for the year be financed by a loan from the Council, with terms to be consulted on with the West Bridgford Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Special Expenses Group.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To demonstrate good governance in terms of scrutinising the Council's on-going financial position and compliance with Council Financial Regulations.

COVID-19 BUDGET 2020/21 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It was RESOLVED that the following be approved for submission to Full Council:

- a) the revised projections to the 2020/21 revenue budget and remainder of the current Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as referred to in Appendix A of the report, as a result of the impact of Covid-19;

- b) the revised projections to the Capital Programme for 2020/21 and the impact on the Capital Programme over the MTFS as referred to in Appendix B of the report;
- c) the changes to the Transformation Strategy as referred to in Appendix C of the report;
- d) the Council Tax Hardship Fund Policy Paper as referred to in Appendix D of the report and its current application;
- e) the strategy of utilising in-year budget efficiencies, the Organisation Stabilisation reserve, reviewing the use of existing reserves, reduced use of Voluntary Revenue Provision and therefore use of New Homes Bonus; as fiscal levers so the Council balances the budget and delivers its corporate objectives, as referred to in paragraph 4.8.6 of the report; and
- f) the transfer of three reserves totalling to £0.524m, as referred to in paragraph 4.8.7 of the report, to the Organisation Stabilisation Reserve from 2020/21 and the revised anticipated position over the next five years as referred to in Appendix E of the report.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To ensure that the expected outturn is incorporated into the 2020/21 budget along with proposals to manage losses ensuring a balanced budget.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

It was RESOLVED that the Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy and Planning Applications Addendum – Implications of the Coronavirus Pandemic be adopted.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

The Addendum to the Statement of Community Involvement for Planning Policy and Planning Applications will, if adopted, set out the Council's policies on community involvement in planning policy preparation and the determination of planning applications whilst 'social distancing restrictions' are in place.

Yours sincerely,

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Sanjit Sull
Monitoring Officer