

CABINET – TUESDAY, 12 JULY 2022

DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 12 July 2022 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: **Wednesday 13 July 2022**
End of the call-in period is **12 noon on Monday, 18 July 2022**

These decisions will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present: D Lloyd, Mrs R Holloway, R Jackson, P Peacock and T Wendels

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
5.	Provisional Outturn Report to 31 March 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the final outturn of revenue and capital spending for 2021/22 be approved;2. That the capital financing proposals as set out in paragraph 1.16 be approved;3. That the variations to the capital programme, as set out in paragraph 1.12 and Appendix E, be approved;4. That the net variations of £16.696m not spent in 2021/22 on the Capital Programme, be re-profiled and carried forward into 2022/23 as per appendices F and G;5. That the movement in Provisions and Impaired Estimates on Debtors be noted;6. That the creations of the new reserves, as outlined in paragraph 1.27, be approved; and7. That the individual contributions to, and withdrawals from, the revenue and capital Usable Reserves be approved. <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <p>To approve the Financial Outturn position for the Council for the 2021/22 financial year.</p>	Nick Wilson, Business Manager – Financial Services
6.	Council's Annual Budget for 2023/2024 - Overall Corporate Budget Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The overall General Fund & HRA budget strategy be approved;2. The consultation process with Members be noted;	Nick Wilson, Business Manager – Financial Services

		<p>3. Budget officers continue work on the assessment of various budget proposals affecting services for consideration in setting the Council's budget; and</p> <p>4. Budget managers work with finance officers in identifying further efficiency savings, increasing income from fees and charges and in identifying new sources of income.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <p>To enable the Council's budget process to proceed encompassing agreed assumptions.</p>	
7.	Corporate Asset Management Strategy (Key Decision)	<p>AGREED that the adoption of the Corporate Asset Management Strategy at Appendix A to the report be approved.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <p>The strategy will inform policies enabling the Council to develop action plans, agree priorities and make decisions to meet the longer-term objectives of the Council in the Community Plan. The strategy will be a cornerstone of the Council's financial and service planning and will support the delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan.</p>	Mark Eyre, Business Manager- Corporate Property
8.	Development of the former Robin Hood Hotel, Newark	<p>1. To establish a reduced, revised capital budget for landlord incentives of £167,000 (from £275,000);</p> <p>2. To note the successful delivery of the 66 room Travelodge Hotel and reputable tenants for the 3 commercial units;</p> <p>3. To note that the Council's actual loan value required for the development of the whole demise was £3.146m, against the capital loan budget of £3.300m, therefore a capital borrowing requirement reduction of £0.154m;</p> <p>4. To note the final financial position of the development of the former Robin Hood Hotel and the positive contribution from the development, to the Council's general fund of £163,930;</p> <p>5. To note the ongoing positive estimated revenue return per year to the Council that the letting of the 3 commercial units will generate; and</p>	Nick Wilson, Business Manager – Financial Services

		<p>6. To approve the revision of the current capital budget by a reduction of £108,000 from £275,000 to £167,000 for landlord incentives, in respect of the 3 commercial units.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <p>The final outcomes and completion dates of the joint venture company RHH Newark Limited (RHH Ltd) and returns on the Council's 50% share of the investment together with the positive impacts on the Council's General Fund account.</p>	
9.	Plan Review Progress Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note and support the contents of the report; 2. To adopt the amendment to the Plan Review timetable (Local Development Scheme) as set in Section 3 of the report, to come into force on 19 July 2022; 3. To request that the Chief Executive call an Extraordinary Full Council meeting be held on 21 September 2022 to agree publication of the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD; and 4. To approve an additional Full Time Planner (Policy) post, to be funded for 2022/23 and 2023/24 from the Neighbourhood Plan Reserve and from 2024/25 from the Council's base budget, with £45,520 being added into the base budget, inclusive of any future pay awards. <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allow Cabinet to note progress on the Plan Review. 2. To agree an amendment to the timetable so that the Local Development Scheme can be updated to comply with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and appropriate regulations. 3. To allow the Council to agree to the publication of the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD in September 2022. 4. To allow the appointment of an additional Planner (Policy) to the establishment in order to continue to meet the aspirations of the Council and emerging changes and challenges through planning reform. 	Matthew Norton, Business Manager – Planning Policy & Infrastructure

		<p><u>Options Considered</u></p> <p>A lack of available sites, as a result of market failure, has led the Council to conclude that only a comprehensive Pitch Delivery Strategy, which includes intervention from the Council to facilitate additional sites, will allow the delivery of sufficient sites and pitches for our Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.</p>	
10.	Newark and Sherwood District Council Lettings Standard Enhancements (HRA) - Recommendations from the Pilot (Key Decision)	<p>1. To adopt the decoration preparation and starting well fund as part of the Empty Homes Standard; and.</p> <p>2. To approve additional funding of £275,000 being transferred to base budgets to facilitate the service improvement from the Efficiency Savings reserve.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <p>This initiative supports the enhancements to the empty home standard, specifically decoration preparation and allocation of up to £500 per property, becoming permanent features. These enhancements contribute to the Community Plan objective to 'create more and better quality homes thorough our roles as landlord, developer and planning authority'.</p>	Julie Davidson, Business Manager – Housing & Estates
11.	Community Grant Scheme Awards	<p>AGREED that the recommendations of the Portfolio Holders as detailed in the Appendix to the report be agreed in order that the proposed projects can proceed.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <p>To support the delivery of projects and initiatives which benefit local communities.</p> <p><u>Options Considered</u></p> <p>Each application was considered by the relevant Portfolio Holder based on the primary focus of the proposals. Only suitable applications had been recommended for approval.</p>	Andy Hardy, Health Improvement & Community Relations Manager
12.	Housing Maintenance & Asset Management Restructure	<p>1. To approve the deletion of x6 posts and, in principle, agreement for the x7 new posts and the revised grading of the Stores Supervisor;</p> <p>2. The approval is subject to Job Descriptions/Job Evaluations agreed and within cost parameters of 5%; and</p>	Caroline Wagstaff, Business Manager – Housing Maintenance & Asset Management

		<p>3. That the above proposals are considered and feedback provided prior to consultation with the recognised Trades Unions and affected employees.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <p>The proposals will ensure the service is sufficiently resourced; create a staff succession framework and prepare for future work on building safety, decent homes two and the decarbonisation of Council homes which aligns to the Community Plan objective to create more and better quality homes through our roles as landlord, developer and planning authority.</p> <p>The proposed staffing model enables succession planning and the ability to 'grow our own' for managerial posts, which will bring advantages going forward.</p>	
13.	Enviro-crime Enforcement (Key Decision)	<p>1. That approval be given in principle to commence a procurement exercise for an outsourced environmental enforcement initiative, subject to a further report at the end of the one year pilot; and</p> <p>2. That the current pilot project be extended for a further three months to allow the completion of a procurement exercise if necessary.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Decision</u></p> <p>The recommendations will allow for the enviro-crime pilot enforcement to continue supporting the Council's cleaner safer greener agenda.</p> <p><u>Options Considered</u></p> <p>Given the success of the scheme and in order to continue with the level of enforcement, to formalise a contract which would build upon lessons learnt from the pilot.</p>	Alan Batty, Business Manager - Public Protection