

MINUTES OF CABINET

7 FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Miss Lawrence, Poole, Ms Robbins and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillors Mrs O'Rourke and Roodhouse were also in attendance.

85. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

86. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Roberts.

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 5 of Part 1 – Clifton-upon-Dunsmore Neighbourhood Plan – Designation of Neighbourhood Plan Area – Councillor Lowe (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a resident of Clifton-upon-Dunsmore).

88. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Growth and Investment Portfolio

89. CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the approval of the designated Clifton upon Dunsmore Neighbourhood Plan area.

RESOLVED THAT - the boundary Clifton upon Dunsmore proposes to use for its neighbourhood plan area be approved and details be published on the Council's website and publicised elsewhere where required.

90. BRINKLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION AND REGULATION 17 EXAMINATION

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning proposals to publish the Brinklow Neighbourhood Plan for consultation and, subsequently, for submission to the independent Examiner for examination.

RESOLVED THAT - the Brinklow Neighbourhood Development Plan, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be:

- a) publicised for the purposes of Regulation 16 consultation; and
- b) submitted to the appointed Examiner for the Regulation 17 examination.

Note: this item is not subject to call-in.

Finance, Performance, Legal and Governance Portfolio

91. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2021/22 – QUARTER 3

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning the Council's latest financial and performance position.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Council's anticipated financial position for 2021/22 be noted;
- (2) a 2021/22 Capital budget virement of £0.030m within the HRA for work on kitchens (as detailed in section 6) be approved;
- (3) a 2021/22 supplementary General Fund revenue budget of £0.030m for increased costs to the Town Centre Regeneration Plan and financed from the Town Centre Improvement Reserve be approved;
- (4) performance information in section 7 and Appendix 3 be noted; and
- (5) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -
 - (a) 2021/22 General Fund budget virement of £0.090m to reduce expenditure budgets within services (as detailed in section 6) where savings have been identified and a corresponding reduction in the 2021/22 corporate savings target be approved;
 - (b) 2021/22 General Fund Capital slippage of £3.969m to 2022/23 as detailed in section 6 be approved; and
 - (c) 2021/22 HRA Capital slippage of £16.217m to 2022/23 as detailed in section 6 be approved.

92. DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2022/23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022-26

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 1- agenda item 8) concerning the Council's draft General Fund revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 together with the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2022-26.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the updated draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget position for 2022/23 alongside the Council's 2022-26 Medium-Term Financial Plan be considered; and
- (2) Cabinet considers the Key Decisions in section 5 and Appendix 1 identifies other policy or service changes required for consideration.

93. MAYORAL GUIDANCE FOR ENGAGEMENTS

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Legal and Governance (Part 1- agenda item 9) concerning guidance for mayoral engagements.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the revised Mayoral Guidance for Engagements, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved with effect from the 2022/23 municipal year; and
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Legal and Governance to make any non-material amendments.

Communities, Homes, Digital and Communications

94. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS IMPROVING LIVES (p.h.i.l) PROJECT TO 31 MARCH 2023

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning a proposal to continue the p.h.i.l. project until 31 March 2023.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the p.h.i.l. project continues for a further 12 months, in partnership with North Warwickshire Borough Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council via a new collaboration agreement;
- (2) a supplementary budget of £12,300 be approved for Rugby Borough Council's net contribution to the scheme to be met from the Homelessness Prevention Grant; and
- (3) a comprehensive review of the p.h.i.l. project take place during 2022 to ensure a continued demonstration of value for money and to identify any alternative delivery / funding models.

95. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2022/23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022-26

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Communities and Homes and Chief Officer -Finance and Performance (Part 1 – agenda item 11) concerning the Council's draft HRA capital and revenue budgets for 2022/23 together with the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2022 -26.

RESOLVED THAT - the draft revenue and capital budgets at Appendices A and B for 2022/23 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022/23-2025/26 at appendix C be noted.

96. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Item considered en bloc

97. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning write offs.

RESOLVED THAT – the schedule of write offs, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

CHAIRMAN