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NOTIFICATION OF CABINET DECISIONS

CABINET – 4 DECEMBER 2013

At the above meeting, the following decisions were taken. A member of an appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Panel who considers that a decision should be reviewed should give notice accordingly to the Monitoring Officer **ON OR BY WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2013**. Call in provisions do not apply to recommendations to Council (shown in bold italic print), or items which were only for noting.

Agenda Item 4 – Report A – Council Tax Reductions and Discounts 2014/15

APPROPRIATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS: **CORPORATE/ALL**

DECISION

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Cabinet agrees that, if the Government withdraws the transitional grant from April 2014, the present Council Tax Reduction Scheme be revised for 2014/15 in respect of persons who are not pensioners and persons not regarded as vulnerable because paragraph 29(8) of the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Schemes) (England) Regulations 2012 does not apply (i.e. not persons entitled to certain disability payments), as follows:

- a. An Applicant for the Scheme whose home is in a council tax band higher than band D shall have their entitlement calculated as if their home were in band D; and
- b. The capital limit above which there is no entitlement shall be reduced from £16,000 to £6,000. Capital below £6,000 shall be disregarded, and
- c. The 'relevant percentage' in regulation 29(7) of the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Schemes) (England) Regulations 2012 shall be 90%, meaning that the minimum council tax contribution is 10%; and
- d. The Scheme document for 2013/14 shall be replaced with Appendix 5 of Report A to the Cabinet in order to give effect to the above three recommended changes.

RECOMMENDED:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Council agrees that, if the Government withdraws the transitional grant from April 2014, the present Council Tax Reduction Scheme be revised for 2014/15 in respect of persons who are not pensioners and persons not regarded as vulnerable because paragraph 29(8) of the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Schemes) (England) Regulations 2012 does not apply (i.e. not persons entitled to certain disability payments), as follows:

- a. An Applicant for the Scheme whose home is in a council tax band higher than band D shall have their entitlement calculated as if their home were in band D; and*
- b. The capital limit above which there is no entitlement shall be reduced from £16,000 to £6,000. Capital below £6,000 shall be disregarded, and*
- c. The 'relevant percentage' in regulation 29(7) of the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Schemes) (England) Regulations 2012 shall be 90%, meaning that the minimum council tax contribution is 10%; and*
- d. The Scheme document for 2013/14 shall be replaced with Appendix 5 of Report A to the Cabinet in order to give effect to the above three recommended changes.*

REASON(S):

As detailed in the report.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As detailed in the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

Agenda Item 5 – Report B – The Council Tax 2014/15 – Setting The Tax Base

APPROPRIATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS: CORPORATE/ALL

DECISION

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Cabinet agrees that:

- (a) The calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2014/15 be approved.
- (b) Pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by this Council as its council tax base for the year 2014/15 be as follows and as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report B considered by the Cabinet.

PARISH/TOWN	TAX BASE
	14/15
Ashurst & Colbury	907.7
Beaulieu	511.1
Boldre	1043.0

Bramshaw	342.1
Bransgore	1772.7
Breamore	175.3
Brockenhurst	1837.4
Burley	771.5
Copythorne	1195.4
Damerham	225.3
Denny Lodge	147.2
East Boldre	379.4
Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley	592.0
Exbury & Lepe	108.9
Fawley	4445.4
Fordingbridge	2189.8
Godshill	220.5
Hale	257.9
Hordle	2341.3
Hyde	516.0
Hythe & Dibden	7225.0
Lymington & Pennington	6789.3
Lyndhurst	1366.1
Marchwood	2046.2
Martin	188.5
Milford on Sea	2738.4
Minstead	361.8
Netley Marsh	807.3
New Milton	10137.9
Ringwood	5058.4
Rockbourne	163.7
Sandleheath	273.7
Sopley	285.2
Sway	1655.1
Totton & Eling	9156.2
Whitsbury	99.4
Woodgreen	249.1
Whole District	68581.2

RECOMMENDED:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Council agrees that:

- (a) *The calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2014/15 be approved.***
- (b) *Pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by this Council as its council tax base for the year 2014/15 be as follows and as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report B considered by the Cabinet.***

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<i>Whitsbury</i>	99.4
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<i>Whole District</i>	68581.2

REASON(S):

As detailed in the report.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As detailed in the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

Agenda Item 6 – Report C – Medium Term Financial Plan 2013-2017

APPROPRIATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS: CORPORATE/ALL

DECISION:

- (a) That it be noted that the Medium Term Financial Plan has been updated as set out in Report C considered by the Cabinet; and
- (b) That Portfolio Holders be asked to review and report back to the February meeting of the Cabinet on recommended 3 year draft asset works, equipment replacement, development and capital programmes in line with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

RECOMMENDED:

That the provision of a Discretionary Grant of £300,000 to Town and Parish Councils in 2014/15 be approved, with the basis of individual distribution to be as set out in Appendix D to Report C considered by the Cabinet;

REASON(S):

As detailed in the report.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As detailed in the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED

None

Agenda Item 7 – Report D – Revised Treasury Borrowing and Investment Strategy 2013/14

APPROPRIATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS: CORPORATE/ALL

RECOMMENDED:

That each of the key elements of the Treasury Management Strategy, as set out below, and in more detail in Report D to the Cabinet, be approved:

- (i) The additional information in the borrowing strategy relating to sources of borrowing and debt rescheduling;*
- (ii) The revised Investment strategy relating to the ability to place deposits of up to £10m for up to 2 years (3 years for other local authorities and other public sector bodies) and the inclusion of counterparties with a long term credit rating of A-, as set out in Annex A to Report D to the Cabinet;*
- (iii) The revision of the use of non-specified investment instruments, as set out in Annex B to Report D to the Cabinet;*
- (iv) The revised reporting requirements; and*
- (v) The strategy for financial derivatives.*

REASON(S):

As detailed in the report.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As detailed in the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

Agenda Item 8 – Report E – New Forest District Council Local Enforcement Plan

RECOMMENDED:

That the draft Local Enforcement Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to Report E considered by the Cabinet, be approved and adopted

REASON(S):

As detailed in the report.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

Agenda Item 9 – Report F – ICT Strategy

RECOMMENDED:

That the ICT strategy for the period 2014 – 2019, as set out in Report F to the Cabinet, be approved.

REASON(S):

As detailed in the report.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

Agenda Item 10 – Report G – Planning for the Introduction of Universal Credit

APPROPRIATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS: **CORPORATE/ALL**

DECISION:

- (a) That a Project Board be established to oversee the Council's response to the implementation of Universal Credit, comprised of the Housing and Communities and Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holders, a member of the Executive Management Team and the Head of Housing and Customer Services.
- (b) That Members note the contents of Report G to the Cabinet and that a presentation on this issue be arranged before a Council meeting, at an appropriate later date.

REASON(S):

As detailed in the report.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

Agenda Item 11 – Outside Body Representation

APPROPRIATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS: ENVIRONMENT

DECISION:

That, in light of the resignation of Councillor Woods as this Council's representative on the Road Safety Council for the central Hampshire area, Cllr Puttock (the current deputy representative) be appointed as this Council's representative with Cllr Glass as the Deputy representative

REASON(S):

To ensure the Council is represented.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

THIS DECISION LIST HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR AND IS CIRCULATED TO INFORM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY OF DECISIONS REACHED AT CABINET MEETINGS. THE WORDING OF RESOLUTIONS IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING MIGHT DIFFER FROM THE ABOVE.

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