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NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

COUNCIL – 12 DECEMBER 2011

The following decisions were taken at the above meetings.

Agenda Item 6 – Questions under Standing Order 22

Cllr C Harrison asked the Leader of the Council the following question: -

“New Forest District Council has decided to withdraw from the support given to the older people in sheltered housing in our area. In the face of financial cuts applied by Hampshire County Council across the whole of its area, I have been informed that NFDC is the only provider who has decided to withdraw from giving support to its local residents. These older people, some of whom are the most vulnerable people in our community, will in future not have their support package delivered by the Council that it voted for, but by one of NFDC’s neighbours.

As far as I am aware, this major decision to withdraw has not been through any Panel or full Council or Cabinet and so, as the basic information that I have received from NFDC does not seem to correlate with that I have seen from HCC will you furnish members with all the detailed costings and information that were used to bring about this regrettable decision.”

The Leader replied that the responsibility for providing this service was that of Hampshire County Council (HCC). NFDC currently provided the service under a contract with HCC. HCC had reduced their older persons’ budget by an average of 17.5% but the total reduction in funding for NFDC, including ‘extra care’, was in the region of 45%. The implications of the Council bidding for the new contract would have been significant, with staffing levels having to be reduced. The opportunity for a new provider to be brought in and for staff to transfer provided the fairest opportunity to provide continuity of service. The Leader of the Council provided a detailed financial breakdown of the funding position.

Agenda Item 8 – The Council Tax 2012/ 2013 – Setting the Tax Base

DECISION

- (a) That the calculation of the Council’s tax base for the year 2012/13 be approved; and

- (b) That pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, the amount calculated by this Council as its council tax base for the year 2012/13 be agreed as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report B to the Council.

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