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NOTIFICATION OF CABINET DECISIONS

CABINET - 6 DECEMBER 2017

At the above meeting, the following decisions were taken. A member of an appropriate Review Panel who considers that a decision should be reviewed should give notice accordingly to the Monitoring Officer **ON OR BY WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2017**. Call in provisions do not apply to recommendations to Council (shown in bold italic print), or items which were only for noting.

4 CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE - FEEDBACK REPORT

APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL: **CORPORATE**

RESOLVED:

That the content of the Corporate Peer Challenge Feedback Report and the intention to develop an action plan in response be noted.

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL: **CORPORATE**

RESOLVED:

That, as the current position of two self-contained Parliamentary Constituencies covering New Forest District cannot be maintained under the new rules, no objection be raised to the revised arrangements proposed by the Boundary Commission for the New Forest East and New Forest West Parliamentary Constituencies.

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

6 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2018/19

RESOLVED:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Cabinet agrees that the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme be amended with effect on 1 April 2017 as follows:

- (i) To disregard in full Bereavement Support Payments in the calculation of Council Tax Reduction, to mirror changes being introduced to Housing Benefit;
- (ii) To reduce from 13 weeks to 4 weeks the period of absence from the Country permissible to remain entitled to Council Tax Reduction (exemptions will apply); and
- (iii) To remove the Housing Element of Universal Credit within the calculation of Council Tax Reduction, to prevent the applicable amount for new claimants being inflated compared to existing claimants.

RECOMMENDED:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Council agrees that the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme be amended with effect on 1 April 2017 as follows:

- (i) To disregard in full Bereavement Support Payments in the calculation of Council Tax Reduction, to mirror changes being introduced to Housing Benefit;***
- (ii) To reduce from 13 weeks to 4 weeks the period of absence from the Country permissible to remain entitled to Council Tax Reduction (exemptions will apply); and***
- (iii) To remove the Housing Element of Universal Credit within the calculation of Council Tax Reduction, to prevent the applicable amount for new claimants being inflated compared to existing claimants.***

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

7 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME - PROSECUTIONS AND PENALTIES POLICY

APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL: CORPORATE

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council Tax Support Scheme Prosecutions and Penalties Policy, as attached as an Appendix to Report Item 7 to the Cabinet, be approved; and
- (b) That the Benefits Manager and Corporate Fraud and Compliance Officer be given delegated authority to make decisions under the policy.

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

8 THE COUNCIL TAX 2018/19 - SETTING THE TAX BASE

RESOLVED:

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 2018/19 be approved; and
- (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 2018/19 be as follows and as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report Item 8 to the Cabinet:

| PARISH/TOWN | TAX BASE 18/19 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ashurst & Colbury | 926.8 |
| Beaulieu | 511.8 |
| Boldre | 1066.1 |
| Bramshaw | 346.5 |
| Bransgore | 1814.5 |
| Breamore | 179.2 |
| Brockenhurst | 1861 |
| Burley | 791.3 |
| Copythorne | 1209.3 |
| Damerham | 234.9 |
| Denny Lodge | 154.8 |
| East Boldre | 381.1 |
| Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley | 606.7 |
| Exbury & Lepe | 116.1 |
| Fawley | 4548.9 |
| Fordingbridge | 2279 |
| Godshill | 224.7 |
| Hale | 261.4 |
| Hordle | 2393.6 |

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| Hyde | 518 |
| Hythe & Dibden | 7390 |
| Lymington & Pennington | 7177.4 |
| Lyndhurst | 1442.5 |
| Marchwood | 2061.2 |
| Martin | 197.4 |
| Milford on Sea | 2783.3 |
| Minstead | 370.3 |
| Netley Marsh | 815.6 |
| New Milton | 10457.9 |
| Ringwood | 5257.3 |
| Rockbourne | 164.4 |
| Sandleheath | 278.9 |
| Sopley | 370.5 |
| Sway | 1700.8 |
| Totton & Eling | 9373.4 |
| Whitsbury | 103.6 |
| Woodgreen | 250.8 |
| Whole District | 70621.0 |

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 2018/19 be approved; and*
- (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 2018/19 be as follows and as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report Item 8 to the Cabinet:*

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| <i>Lyndhurst</i> | <i>1442.5</i> |
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| <i>Martin</i> | <i>197.4</i> |
| <i>Milford on Sea</i> | <i>2783.3</i> |
| <i>Minstead</i> | <i>370.3</i> |
| <i>Netley Marsh</i> | <i>815.6</i> |
| <i>New Milton</i> | <i>10457.9</i> |
| <i>Ringwood</i> | <i>5257.3</i> |
| <i>Rockbourne</i> | <i>164.4</i> |
| <i>Sandleheath</i> | <i>278.9</i> |
| <i>Sopley</i> | <i>370.5</i> |
| <i>Sway</i> | <i>1700.8</i> |
| <i>Totton & Eling</i> | <i>9373.4</i> |
| <i>Whitsbury</i> | <i>103.6</i> |
| <i>Woodgreen</i> | <i>250.8</i> |
| <i>Whole District</i> | <i>70621.0</i> |

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

9 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2018 ONWARDS

APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL: CORPORATE/ALL

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the emerging draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-2022, as set out In Report Item 9 to the Cabinet, be approved to form the basis of the Council's 2018/19 General Fund Budget to be reported to the Cabinet in February 2018; and
- (b) That initial preparatory works commence on the 2018/19 Asset Maintenance and Replacement programme, including approval of the programme budget at high level; and

RECOMMENDED:

That the schedule of fees and charges, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report Item 9 to the Cabinet, be approved to take effect from 1 January 2018.

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

10 CHANGES TO THE 2017/18 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL: CORPORATE

RESOLVED:

That the changes to the 2017/18 Treasury Management Strategy set out in section 3 of Report Item 10 to the Cabinet be approved.

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

11 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the Residential Property Asset Investment Strategy attached to Report Item 11 to the Cabinet be approved;**
- (b) That the proposed level of initial investment, as set out Report Item 11 to the Cabinet, be approved;**
- (c) That the Chief Executive, the Executive Head Governance and Regulation, and the S151 Officer, in consultation with 2 Portfolio Holders determined by the Leader of the Council, be authorised to take all decisions in respect of the Strategy, including entering into all necessary contracts and agreements; the setting up of the Wholly Owned Company(and subsidiaries) and related costs, to implement the Residential Property Asset Investment Strategy as set out in Report Item 11 to the Cabinet; and**
- (d) That the appointment of 2 Cabinet Members and 2 senior officers to the board of directors of the Wholly Owned Company, following its incorporation, be approved such individuals to be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.**

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

12 PAYMENT SERVICES DIRECTIVE**APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL:** **CORPORATE****RESOLVED:**

That the above change to the card charging policy, with effect from 13 January 2018, be noted.

REASON(S): As set out in the report**ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:** As set out in the report**ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

13 OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS**APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL:** **ALL****RESOLVED:**

That the following amendments be made to the Council's representation on outside bodies:

| Outside Body | Current representative | New Representative |
|---|--|--|
| Community First – New Forest | Cllr Mrs D E Andrews | To be appointed |
| Forest Forge Theatre Company | Cllr Mrs A M Rostand (Deputy: Cllr Mrs C V Ward) | Cllr Mrs C V Ward (Deputy: Cllr W H Dow) |
| Hampshire Police and Crime Panel | (Deputy: Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities) | (Deputy: Portfolio Holder for Community Affairs) |
| Local Government Association Coastal Issues Group | Portfolio Holder for Environment | Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services |
| New Forest Citizen's Advice Bureau | (Deputy: Mrs D E Andrews) | (Deputy: To be appointed) |

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| Project Integra Strategic Board | | Portfolio Holder for Environment (Deputy: Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation) | | Portfolio Holder Environment and Regulatory Services (Deputy: Portfolio Holder Community Affairs) |
| Safer New Forest Partnership | | Portfolio Holder Housing and Communities | | Portfolio Holder Community Affairs |

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: 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.