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## NOTIFICATION OF CABINET DECISIONS

### CABINET - 7 FEBRUARY 2018

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, 14 FEBRUARY 2018**. Call in provisions do not apply to recommendations to Council (shown in bold italic print), or items which were only for noting.

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#### **4 COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS 2018**

##### **APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL:**

**COMMUNITY**

##### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the grant awards as set out in Appendix 1 to Report Item 4 to the Cabinet be approved for inclusion in the 2018 budget;
- (b) That it be confirmed that applications that are resubmitted after the initial consideration by the Community Grants Task and Finish Group will not be considered; and
- (c) That there be a comprehensive review of the community grants process and eligibility criteria in advance of the 2018 grant application process.

**REASON(S):** As set out in the report

##### **ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:**

As set out in the report

##### **ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Rostand disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Lymington and Pennington Town Council and a trustee of the Lymington Community Association.

Cllr E J Heron disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Board of the Forest Forge Theatre Company and also on the grounds that the Copythorne Play area was within his County Council ward.

Cllr Glass disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Hythe Sea Scouts.

Cllr C Ward disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Board of the Forest Forge Theatre Company.

They each concluded that there were no grounds under common law to prevent them from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

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**5 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2018/19 - 2022/23 - REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

**APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL:** CORPORATE

**RECOMMENDED:**

*That the current scheme of allowances be continued subject to the following modifications from 1 April 2018:*

- (i) that the Communications Technology Allowance be increased by £25 per annum to £415 per annum;*
- (ii) that the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of the Planning Committee be reset to 35% of the Leader's Special Responsibility Allowance;*
- (iii) that a Co-optees' Allowance of £55.36 be paid for meetings up to 4 hours in length and £110.72 for meetings over 4 hours in length, subject to any indexation increase that may be applicable;*
- (iv) that the current maximum hourly rate claimable for the childcare element of Dependents' Carers' Allowance be fixed at the current living wage of £8.45, with the cap on the number of hours that a member may claim aggregated to 52 hours per month;*
- (v) that the hourly rate for which elderly or dependent relative allowance is claimable be set at the Hampshire County Council rate for Home Care Help, currently £10.32 per hour;*
- (vi) that Part 3 and Appendix 3 of the Members' Allowances Scheme be clarified, as set out in the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel;*
- (vii) that the Basic Allowance (including ICT allowance), Special Responsibility Allowances and Co-optees' Allowance be indexed to the annual percentage increase for local government staff at scale point 28, to be applied from the same year that applies to staff;*
- (viii) that travel allowance mileage rates be indexed to the HMRC approved mileage rates for motor vehicles, motor cycles and bicycles;*
- (ix) that the childcare element of Dependents' Carers' Allowance be indexed to the "living wage" hourly rate (outside of London) as defined by the Living Wage Foundation; and*
- (x) that the elderly and other dependent relatives element of the Dependents' Carers' Allowance be indexed to the median hourly rate charged for Home Help by Hampshire County 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

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**6 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2018/19**

**APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL:** COMMUNITY/ALL

**RESOLVED:**

That the proposed planned maintenance and improvement works programme for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report Item 6 to the Cabinet, be approved;

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) That the Housing Revenue Account budget, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report Item 6 to the Cabinet, be agreed;*
- (b) That from 02 April 2018, a reduction in rents of 1% from the 2017/18 rent level be agreed, in accordance with Government requirements;*
- (c) That no change be made to the service charge for hostel accommodation;*
- (d) That no change be made to the service charge for older persons' accommodation;*
- (e) That no change be made to the rent for garages; and*
- (f) That a 2018/19 Housing Capital Programme of £18.552m be agreed, as set out in paragraph 6.1 of Report Item 6 to the Cabinet.*

**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

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**7 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - SETTING THE BUDGET FOR 2018/19**

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) That is be agreed that there is a General Fund Net Budget Requirement in 2018/19 of £17,243,480 as set out in Appendix 4 to Report Item 7 to the Cabinet, including the use of reserves to finance the ICT protect and maintain frontline services projects, and one-off construction grants as set out in Appendix 3 to Report Item 7 to the Cabinet;*
- (b) That the site licence fees and service charges at Stillwater Park be increased by 3.9% in line with RPI inflation;*
- (c) That the Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 shall be £168.36;*

- (d) *That the General Fund Capital Programme for 2018/19 of £7.673m, as set out in Appendix 5 to Report Item 7 to the Cabinet be approved; and*
- (e) *That each of the prudential indicators, the Limits for 2018/19 to 2020/21 and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, as set out in Appendix 6 to Report Item 7 to the Cabinet be approved and adopted.*

**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 FUTURE FOREST RECREATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION**

**APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL:** COMMUNITY

**RESOLVED:**

That the content of the “Findings” and “Next Steps” reports be noted and it be confirmed that this Council will continue its commitment to partnership working to help draft the new actions for the update to the Recreation Management Strategy 2010-2030.

**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 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECOMMENDED:**

*That the Local Government Boundary Commission for England be requested to undertake a review of the electoral arrangements in the New Forest District with a view to reducing the number of members on the Council from 60 to approximately 48.*

**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

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**10 HOMELESSNESS REDUCTION ACT**

**APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL: COMMUNITY**

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the changes taking place under the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 be noted; and
- (b) That a further report on the Government's Gold Standard Programme for managing homelessness be brought to a meeting of the Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.

**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

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**11 REQUEST FOR LEASE OF LAND FOR MILFORD PLAY AREA**

**APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL: ALL**

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the two pieces of land marked A and B on the plan attached as Appendix 1 to Report Item 11 to the Cabinet be leased to Milford on Sea Parish Council for a term of up to 99 years, with the terms of the lease to be approved by the Portfolio Holder for Local Economic Development, Property and Innovation in consultation with the Executive Head Operations and the Executive Head Governance and Regulation; and
- (b) That subject to the above approval the Council release the sum of £66,034 from the monies held by the District Council in Section 106 contributions towards the overall cost of this project.

**REASON(S):** As set out in the report

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

**ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Rostand disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as the owner of a beach hut along Milford Sea Front. She concluded that there were no grounds under common law to prevent her from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

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**12 RESPONSE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PEER REVIEW**

**APPROPRIATE REVIEW PANEL:** CORPORATE

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the responses to the Peer Review Group's recommendations be noted; and
- (b) That the proposed Corporate Framework, as attached as Appendix 1 to Report Item 12 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

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**13 CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS**

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) *That the revised Contract Standing Orders, as attached as Appendix 1 to Report Item 13 to the Cabinet, be approved; and*
- (b) *That the Service Manager (Legal) in consultation with the Executive Head of Governance and Regulation be delegated authority to make minor changes to Contract Standing Orders.*
- (c) *That the scheme of delegation of powers to officers be updated to reflect the changes in the revised Contract Standing Orders.*

**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.

