

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 5 February 2020)

1. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – SCHEME TO APPLY FROM 1 APRIL 2020 (MINUTE NO 58)

The Cabinet is recommending that the scheme of Members' allowances to apply from 1 April 2020 should remain unchanged.

RECOMMENDED:

That the current scheme of members' allowances be made as the scheme to apply from 1 April 2020.

2. COMMUNITY GRANTS (MINUTE NO 59)

The Cabinet, having considered the work of the Task and Finish Group and the Community and Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Panel are recommending approval of various community grants for the 2020/21 financial year.

An amendment to the proposed award to Youth and Families Matter has been supported by the Community and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the Cabinet also supports this award.

The report proposes that £116,000 be awarded in Revenue grants and £97,650 for Capital Grants.

The Cabinet expressed their thanks to the hard work of the Task and Finish Group.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Community Grant awards set out in Appendix 1 and 2 of Cabinet Report 5 to the Cabinet Agenda, be approved and included in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

3. ASSET MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME AND GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 (MINUTE NO 60)

The Cabinet is recommending approval of the asset maintenance and replacement programme and General Fund Capital Programme for 2020/21.

The asset maintenance programme includes the health and leisure centres and Dibden Golf course where the Council has a responsibility to maintain these assets.

The Capital Programme identifies a number of projects, including public conveniences modernisation and enhancements and works to Lymington Sea Wall.

RECOMMENDED:

That the schedule of projects, as included as Appendix 2 and 3 of Cabinet Report 6 to the Cabinet Agenda, for inclusion in the 2020/21 budget be agreed.

4. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/21 (MINUTE NO 61)

The Cabinet is recommending approval of the Capital Strategy 2020/21, including the adoption of the Minimum Revenue Position. The strategy sets out how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management come together, with an overview of current activities and the implications for future financial sustainability.

Cabinet would like to highlight the proposal within the strategy that the Council will continue to invest in maintaining existing house stock and that there will be investment in new homes. As a result, the capital expenditure budget for housing (HRA) is proposed to increase year on year through to 2022/23.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Capital Strategy 2020/21 be approved, including the adoption of the Minimum Revenue Provision statement, as follows:-

“For capital expenditure that has been incurred, and which has given rise to a CFR, the MRP policy for expenditure other than that incurred on investment property and dwellings, shall be to charge revenue an amount equal to the depreciation of any asset financed by loan. The MRP policy specific to investment properties and dwellings financed by loan, shall be to charge revenue an amount equivalent to the sum of borrowing utilised, over a repayment period of 50 years.”

5. ICT INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL PROJECT UPDATE (MINUTE NO 62)

The Cabinet approved an additional £120,000 in order to complete the ICT infrastructure renewal project and noted the delivery of the project to date.

The project commenced in 2017 to replace the old, unstable and ‘out of support’ ICT infrastructure which posed as a severe risk to the Council of being unable to conduct its business. The new ICT infrastructure enables all council staff to work on site or remotely using a personal device in a fast, secure and efficient way.

6. NEW MILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – EXAMINER’S REPORT (MINUTE NO 63)

The Cabinet, having considered the recommendations in the Examiner’s report in respect of the New Milton Neighbourhood Development Plan, is recommending that the proposed modifications be endorsed and the necessary arrangements for the plan to proceed to a referendum (the date of the referendum is anticipated as soon as practicable after the adoption of the Local Plan Review) be agreed.

The Cabinet commend New Milton Town Council and all those who have been involved in the development of the neighbourhood plan to the referendum stage.

RECOMMENDED:

- i. That the recommendations made in the Examiner’s Report (Appendix 2 of Cabinet Report 9 to the Cabinet Agenda) into the New Milton Neighbourhood Development Plan (Appendix 1 of Cabinet Report 9 to the Cabinet Agenda, shows the submission plan) be noted;***
- ii. That the examiner’s proposed modifications and Council responses to them as set out in the Decision Statement (Appendix 3 of Cabinet Report 9 to the Cabinet Agenda) be agreed;***
- iii. That the necessary arrangements for the New Milton Neighbourhood***

Development Plan to proceed to referendum, (the date of the referendum is anticipated to be as soon as practicable after the adoption of the Local Plan Review) be agreed.

7. INTERIM HOUSING DELIVERY TEST ACTION PLAN (MINUTE NO 64)

The Cabinet agreed to publish the Interim Housing Delivery Test Action Plan for 2018-19 and 2019-20. The Housing Delivery Test (HDT) is an annual measurement of housing delivery published annually by the Government at local authority level.

It was also agreed that following the formal adoption of the Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy that there be focused industry consultation on the Interim Housing Delivery Test Action Plan and that this Action Plan would be updated when the HDT result is recalculated.

8. HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL (MINUTE NO 65)

The Cabinet agreed that New Forest District Council's representation on the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel be as follows:-

Representative – Cllr Andrews

Reserve – Cllr Clarke

**COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN
CHAIRMAN**