

MINUTES OF CABINET

1 FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Poole, Ms Robbins and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Bearne, Mrs Brown, Cranham, Gillias, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, Mistry, Mrs O'Rourke, Roodhouse, Sandison and Srivastava were also in attendance.

75. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2021 were approved.

76. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Roberts.

77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

78. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

79. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2020/21 – QUARTER 3

Cabinet considered the report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the Council's anticipated financial and performance position for 2020/21 based on data as at 31 December 2020 together with proposed budget adjustments for 2020/21 as required under the Council's Financial Standing Orders.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the Council's anticipated financial position for 2020/21 be noted;
- (2) performance summary and performance data included in Section 8 and Appendix 3 be noted;
- (3) a general fund capital budget virement of £0.023m for 2020/21 for the Email/Web Filtering System scheme to Additional ICT costs as detailed in section 6 be approved;

- (4) a supplementary general fund revenue budget of £0.046m for the cost of enforcement to be funded from a one year grant allocation from MHCLG under the COVID-19 enforcement scheme be approved; and
- (5) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -
 - (a) General Fund and HRA capital budget carry forwards to 2021/22 of £14.083m as detailed in section 7 be approved;
 - (b) General Fund revenue budget carry forwards to 2021/22 of £0.265m as detailed in section 7 be approved;
 - (c) a supplementary general fund capital and revenue budgets of £0.562m for 2020/21 detailed in section 6 be approved; and
 - (d) a HRA capital virement of £1m for 2020/21 be approved from the Rounds Garden capital scheme to the Rounds Gardens Demolition Costs scheme as detailed in section 6 and of that £0.25m be carried forward to 2021/22 as detailed in section 7 be approved.

80. DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2021/22 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021-25

Cabinet considered the report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Council’s draft revenue and capital budgets for 2021/22 together with the Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2021-25.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the updated draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget position for 2021/22 be noted alongside the Council’s 2021-25 Medium-Term Financial Plan;
- (2) the Council’s response to the Provisional Settlement consultation as detailed in Appendices 2 and 2a be noted; and
- (3) the results of the budget questionnaire as detailed in Appendix 3 be noted.

Communities and Homes Portfolio

81. PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS IN WARWICKSHIRE: A MULTI-AGENCY APPROACH

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning the proposed adoption of a county-wide strategy, ‘Preventing Homelessness’.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) the strategic vision and recommendations within the strategy; Preventing Homelessness in Warwickshire: a multiagency approach be approved; and

- (2) the Homelessness Strategic Group be supported to develop the action plan underpinning these recommendations and continue to work towards preventing homelessness in 2021/22.

82. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2021/22 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021-25

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes and the Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning the first draft Housing Revenue Account capital and revenue position for 2021/22 based on budget submissions together with a Medium Term Financial Plan for 2021-25.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the draft revenue and capital budgets at Appendices A and B for 2021/22 be noted; and
- (2) in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Executive Director, delegated authority be given to the Head of Communities and Homes and the Chief Finance Officer to approve any short term additional Property Repairs Service resourcing to deal with current capacity issues.

83. REVIEW OF THE HOME ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TEAM (HEART) PROJECT

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1- agenda item 9) concerning the outcomes of a review of the HEART project together with an improvement plan.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the improvement plan as outlined in section 5.0 and detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be approved; and
- (2) the Head of Communities and Homes be given delegated authority to oversee the implementation as part of the current role as a member of the HEART Management Board.

84. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Item considered en bloc

85. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning write offs.

RESOLVED THAT – the schedule of write offs, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

CHAIRMAN