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Dear Councillor,

Record of Decision taken by Cabinet - 16 January, 2024

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 January, 2024, the following decisions were reached on the items listed in the attached schedule.

The implementation of these Cabinet decisions is suspended until the call-in period has expired without a call-in being validly invoked. Any Member of the Council shall be entitled to call for a decision to be suspended by giving notice to the Monitoring Officer *either by telephone, fax, email or in writing not later than 5.00 pm on the day following the date of the Cabinet meeting.*

Any decision so suspended shall not be capable of implementation for a period of five calendar days from the date of the Cabinet meeting which will expire on, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

(DURING THE CALL-IN PERIOD A REQUEST MAY BE MADE IN RESPECT OF ANY DECISION SO SUSPENDED BY NOT LESS THAN ONE QUARTER OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE. TO DO THIS YOU WILL NEED TO NOTIFY THE MONITORING OFFICER IN WRITING, BY FAX OR BY EMAIL BY 5.00 PM ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024 BEING FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE CABINET MEETING.)

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## Public Information

### 5. Housing Rents and Service Charges

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That for the financial year 2024/25, individual social rents for current general needs tenants be set based on the current national social rent policy, giving a rent increase of 7.7% with effect from 1 April 2024.
2. That for the financial year 2024/25 and onwards, where a social rent property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant the rent level be increased to the target rent for that property.
3. That for the financial year 2024/25, individual affordable rents be set based on the current national social rent policy giving a rent increase of 7.7% with effect from 1 April 2024.
4. That for the financial year 2024/25 and onwards, where an affordable rent property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant the rent level be set by reference to 80% of the market rent (including service charges where applicable) for a similar property at the time of letting, or the formula rent for the property, whichever is greater.
5. That the Housing Revenue Account Service Charges for the financial year 2024/25, as set out in Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be approved.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

1. To enable the Council to set the level of council house rents for the financial year 2024/25 in accordance with Government guidelines and the Rent Standard.
2. To enable the Council to set the level of service charges for the financial year 2024/25 to recover the costs of providing these services to tenants.
3. To contribute to the Council's corporate priority to 'improve the quality of life for local people'.

## 6. Car Parks Study

### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the Chesterfield Car Parking Study and its findings be endorsed.
2. That the following suggestions made in the Chesterfield Car Parking Study be approved;
  - That officers develop further recommendations for investment in car parking provision, and the reuse of excess parking to support the regeneration of the town centre
  - That car parking charges be reviewed on an annual basis with an in-year appraisal to assess performance against budgetary targets

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable Chesterfield Borough Council to implement appropriate changes to the management and delivery of Chesterfield Borough Council owned car parking provision to support the vitality and viability of Chesterfield Town Centre.

## 7. Car Park Fees and Charges 2024/25

### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the recommended increases to the fees and charges for car parks, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be approved for implementation from Monday 1 April 2024.
2. That a revision to the current Residents Parking Scheme, to introduce a one-off tariff of £1 before 10am (Monday to Saturday) and a one-off tariff of £2 after 3pm (Monday to Saturday) and a one-off tariff of £2 on a Sunday (all day) and £2 on Bank Holidays (all day), be approved.
3. That the Service Director for Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing, be delegated authority with the Cabinet Member for Town Centre and Visitor Economy, to apply appropriate negotiated fees and charges for new activities and opportunities that arise during the period covered by this report.

## REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. The Council continues to face significant financial challenges. The sustained period of austerity since 2010, the ongoing risks and uncertainties over future funding arrangements, the budgetary impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and a sustained period of exceptionally high inflation, have all impacted on the Council's financial position.
2. The Council's budget strategy is to deliver a balanced and sustainable budget. Given the forecast budget deficits it is important that all potential increases to income streams are implemented as soon as possible to help mitigate these pressures.
3. It is therefore prudent to implement an uplift to assist the Council in achieving a balanced budget for 2024-25 and to continue to recover ground on the increasing costs associated with the delivery of car parking and other town centre operations.

Yours sincerely,



Head of Regulatory Law and Monitoring Officer