

**CABINET****Tuesday, 19th December, 2017**

Present:-

Councillor Serjeant (Chair)

Councillors T Gilby  
Bagley  
Blank  
A DioufCouncillors Huckle  
P Gilby  
Brunt  
LudlowNon Voting Catt  
Members

Dickinson

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**94 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS  
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

**95 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Innes.

**96 MINUTES****RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 5 December, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**97 FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 January 2018 to 30 April 2018 was reported for information.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

**98      LEADER OF THE COUNCIL REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 - 2022/23**

The Director of Finance and Resources reported on the draft Revenue Budget outturn for 2017/18 and provided details of the draft budget for 2018/19.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
2. That the draft budget for 2018/19 be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19.

**99      DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 - 2022/23**

The Director of Finance and Resources reported on the draft Revenue Budget outturn for 2017/18 and provided details of the draft budget for 2018/19.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
2. That the draft budget for 2018/19 be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19.

**100      CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 - 2022/23**

The Director of Finance and Resources reported on the draft Revenue Budget outturn for 2017/18 and provided details of the draft budget for 2018/19.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
2. That the draft budget for 2018/19 be noted.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19.

#### **101 CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 - 2022/23**

The Director of Finance and Resources reported on the draft Revenue Budget outturn for 2017/18 and provided details of the draft budget for 2018/19.

It was reported that a Growth Request had been received to support implementation of the Council's Skills Action Plan. It was agreed that a decision on the Growth Request would not be made until the Cabinet Member Portfolio Budgets are finalised in February 2018.

#### **\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
2. That the draft budget for 2018/19 be noted.
3. That the Growth Request as attached at Appendix 6 to the officer's report be noted.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19.

#### **102 CABINET MEMBER FOR GOVERNANCE REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 - 2022/23**

The Director of Finance and Resources reported on the draft Revenue Budget outturn for 2017/18 and provided details of the draft budget for 2018/19.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
2. That the draft budget for 2018/19 be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19.

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**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING REVENUE  
BUDGET 2017/18 - 2022/23**

The Director of Finance and Resources reported on the draft Revenue Budget outturn for 2017/18 and provided details of the draft budget for 2018/19.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
2. That the draft budget for 2018/19 be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19.

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**CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND CUSTOMERS REVENUE  
BUDGET 2017/18 - 2022/23**

The Director of Finance and Resources reported on the draft Revenue Budget outturn for 2017/18 and provided details of the draft budget for 2018/19.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
2. That the draft budget for 2018/19 be noted.

## REASON FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19.

### 105 **CABINET MEMBER FOR TOWN CENTRES AND VISITOR ECONOMY REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 - 2022/23**

The Director of Finance and Resources reported on the draft Revenue Budget outturn for 2017/18 and provided details of the draft budget for 2018/19.

#### **\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
2. That the draft budget for 2018/19 be noted.

## REASON FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2018/19.

### 106 **GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET SUMMARY**

The Director of Finance and Resources presented a report to update members on the development of the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018/19 and future years.

The latest revised budget for 2017/18 showed a projected surplus of £776K. The report attributed this rise to increased surpluses from the Streetscene and Landscape Services Direct Service Organisation, NNDR Pooling and a change in the Minimum Revenue Provision policy, as well as other smaller contributions from the Crematorium and other income-generating facilities.

The report provided an update on the Medium Term Financial Forecast, noting the latest projected deficits of £446K in 2019/20, increasing to £1,418K by 2022/23. It was reported that future projections are dependent on the success of core trading income streams, as these are sensitive to changes in the market.

The report noted that the expenditure required to deliver the Council's ICT investment plan had yet to be approved and there still needed to be included in the Medium Term Financial Forecast Plan.

The Director of Finance and Resources advised that in advance of the final budget for 2018/19 being agreed by full Council on 22 February 2018, work would be undertaken between Cabinet Members and the Corporate Management Team to continue to identify further savings and income generation proposals.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the updated budget projections for 2017/18, and future years, be noted.
2. That work be continued to refine the draft estimates and to develop budget saving proposals.
3. That the use of earmarked reserves be approved.
4. That the amendment to the Minimum Reserve Provision policy, subject to external audit approval, be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To keep members informed on the development of the budget proposals for 2018/19 and to provide an update on the medium term financial forecasts.

**107 CIVIC ARRANGEMENTS 2018/19**

The Cabinet Member for Governance presented a report outlining proposals for the civic year 2018/19 in respect of the election of the Deputy Mayor, the Annual Council Meeting and Civic Dinner, and Civic Service.

The report noted that each year the Council is asked to confirm its civic arrangements for the forthcoming municipal year, namely the appointment of the Deputy Mayor, the date of the Annual Council meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the associated civic events.

The appointment of the Deputy Mayor as Vice Chairman of the Council is a statutory appointment under Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972. In the case of a Borough Council the Vice Chairman is entitled to use the title of Deputy Mayor.

#### **RESOLVED –**

1. That it be recommended to Council that Councillor Gordon Simmons be invited to become Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2018/19.
- \*2. That it be noted that the Annual Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 May, 2018, followed by a civic reception at The Winding Wheel.
- \*3. That it be noted that the Annual Civic Service and Procession will be held on Saturday 12 May, 2018.

#### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council to confirm civic arrangements for 2018/19.

#### **108 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

#### **RESOLVED –**

That under Regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 – as they contained information relating to

3. information relating to financial and business affairs.

#### **109 FUTURE WASTE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

The Assistant Director – Commercial Services submitted a report recommending for approval a proposed approach for the future delivery of the Council's Waste Collection Contract.

The report noted that the current Waste Collection Contract with Veolia for a three bin collection service, in place since October 2011, was set to expire on 1 November 2018.

Ongoing commercial negotiations had taken place with Veolia over the last 18 months to determine the cost-effectiveness of an extension to the current contract. Costings had been requested for an extension of both 7 years and 18 months, as well as for the exclusion of the Dry Recycling Collection Service.

Over the same timeline, the Council had carried out a joint procurement with North East Derbyshire and Bolsover District Councils for the independent provision of a Dry Recycling Collection Service.

The Derbyshire Waste Partnership had also undertaken work during the last 24 months to review how its members would work more effectively in collaboration. This piece of work had identified the potential for further joined up working following the termination of Waste Collection Contracts at nearby Councils.

The report noted that the proposed 18 month extension with Veolia would be an affordable option as an additional budgetary provision had been incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Plan, and that it would allow the Council sufficient time to consider joint working and procurement opportunities with neighbouring authorities, as well as further consideration of an internal delivery model.

The Assistant Director – Commercial Services also highlighted the modelling exercise commissioned by the Waste and Resource Action Programme (WRAP) on the possible options for the future delivery of waste and recycling services for Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council and High Peak Borough Council.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That an extension of all aspects of the Council's current Waste Collection Contract to Veolia with the exemption of the Dry Recycling Service, until May 2020, be approved.
2. That upon termination of the Council's current contract with Veolia for the Dry Recycling Service on 27 April 2018, the contract be



awarded to Wards Recycling from 28 April 2018, for a period of 7 years with the potential to extend for a further 2 years.

3. That the findings of the WRAP consultancy report be noted, and that the recommendations be considered as part of any future service specification for Waste Collection Services.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To agree future waste collection arrangements prior to the expiration of the current contract.

### **110 RE-ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC**

That after the consideration of an item containing exempt information, the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

### **111 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2017/18 ONWARDS**

The Assistant Director – Housing presented a report to Cabinet to update members on the position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and various developments that had taken place over the last year, in particular the results of the Council's Housing Stock Condition Survey.

The report noted the recommendations of the HRA Steering Group to the Corporate Cabinet and Corporate Management Team in December 2016, and the work subsequently carried out by various working groups comprised of tenants, officers and elected members to consider in greater detail how the recommended savings could be achieved.

Members were informed that the consultation programme with tenants on the revised Tenancy Agreement had ended on 3 December 2017, and that a report setting out the results would be presented to Cabinet on 30 January 2018.

A Stock Condition Survey on 960 properties in Chesterfield was carried out by Savills in Spring 2017. The results confirmed that 100 per cent of the Council's housing stock fully complies with the Decent Homes Standard, which compared favourably with a national average of 14 per cent failure.

It was reported that the estimated investment required to maintain the housing stock to the Decent Homes Standard over the next 30 years was £19,347,309 per annum. This cost included the works to the remaining non-traditional housing stock that had not yet received any work following the 2014 Non-Traditional Housing Stock Condition Survey.

A revised version of the HRA Business Plan model had been prepared for 2017/18, taking into account the outcome of the Stock Condition Survey, and this was set out at Appendix 2 to the officer's report.

The Assistant Director – Housing advised Cabinet that forecast surpluses within the HRA had given the Council the opportunity to realise its ambition of delivering up to 100 new homes over the next 5 years. It was noted that this would help to ensure that the Government's expectation on local authorities to deliver new homes could be addressed, and that more affordable homes could be made available to local residents.

**\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the current financial position of the Housing Revenue Account be noted.
2. That the Stock Condition Survey report be noted.
3. That the potential changes to investment arising from the Stock Condition Survey, and the emerging areas of work to reshape the financial strategy be noted, and that it be agreed for further work to be undertaken on the strategy ahead of further Cabinet decisions in February 2018.
4. That the work of the Housing Revenue Account Steering Group be continued to monitor the Housing Revenue Account, and that further reports are brought to members on an annual basis or as a result of changes in national housing policy.

**REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

1. To deliver a balanced and sustainable Housing Revenue Account that is self-financing in the longer term.

2. To support the Council's Vision and Priorities within the Council Plan.

## 112 **ANNUAL REPORT TO TENANTS 2016/17**

The Assistant Director – Housing submitted a report on the draft Annual Report to Tenants 2016/17, as required by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). A copy of the text of the Annual Report was attached at Appendix A to the officer's report.

The Annual Report included details on performance, service delivery and future improvements in relation to:

- Repairs and maintenance
- Allocating homes
- Rent collection
- Tenancy and estate management
- Careline
- Value for money and financial sustainability

### **\* RESOLVED –**

1. That the Annual Report to Tenants be approved.
2. That the Annual Report be published to the Council's website and an article be published in the January edition of 'Our Homes', to direct tenants to the website and offer them the option of receiving a hard copy.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To comply with regulatory requirements.