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Chief Executive

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Dear Councillor,

Record of Decision taken by Cabinet - 26 January, 2016

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 26 January, 2016, 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 31 January, 2016 .

(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 31 JANUARY, 2016 BEING FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE CABINET MEETING.)

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Public Information

5. General Fund Revenue Budget Summary

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the updated budget projections for 2015/16 and later years be noted.
2. That officers continue to refine the draft estimates and to work with members to develop budget saving proposals.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To keep Members informed on the development of the budget proposals for 2016/17, and to provide an update on the medium term financial forecasts.

6. Collection Fund Revised Estimates 2015/16

***RESOLVED -**

That the estimated surplus on the Collection Fund of £658,115 for 2015/16 be agreed and allocated to the major precepting authorities as detailed in Appendix A of the Chief Finance Officer's report.

REASON FOR DECISION

To fulfil a statutory requirement and to feed into the budget setting process for 2016/17.

7. Senior Pay Policy

***RESOLVED –**

That it be recommended to Full Council that the revised Senior Pay Policy Statement be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 by publishing the policy by 31 March 2016.

8. Annual Housing Revenue Account - Rent And Service Charge Increase

***RESOLVED -**

1. That for 2016/17 the level of individual social rents are based on the current National Social Rent Policy, giving a real rent decrease of 1.0% with effect from 4 April 2016.
2. That for 2016/17 and onwards, where a social rent property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant, the rent level is increased to the target rent for that property.
3. That for 2016/17 the level of individual affordable rents are based on the current National Social Rent Policy, giving a real rent decrease of 1.0% with effect from 4 April 2016.
4. That for 2016/17 and onwards, where an affordable rent property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant, that the rent level is set at 80% of the market rent for a similar property at the time of re-letting.
5. That from 1 April, 2016;
 - I. there is no increase in the heating service charge for sheltered housing schemes.
 - II. that garage rents are increased from £5.72 to £6.22 per week.
 - III. that the annual rental charges for garage sites are increased as below:
 - Shale sites from £39 to £42.50
 - Asphalt sites from £49 to £53.50
 - Other sites from £54 to £58.50
 - IV. that the charges for metered water supplies are increased by 2%.
 - V. that the weekly charges for the Garden Assistance Scheme are increased as below:
 - Grass cutting and hedges from £3.95 to £4.45

- Grass only from £2.80 to £3.15
 - Hedges only from £1.15 to £1.30
- VI. that the sheltered scheme support charge is set at £8 per week.
- VII. that the weekly charges for the Careline service (inclusive of equipment rental) are:
- Monitor only, £4.50
 - Monitor and Response, £5.50
 - Monitor, Response and weekly visit, £8
- VIII. that there is no increase in the community hire charges for Community Rooms.
- IX. that the weekly charge for communal staircase cleaning is increased from £1.66 to £1.74
- X. that the Tenant Home Contents Premium Tax increases from 6% to 9.5%.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Council to set the level of Council house rents in accordance with Government guidelines and to set service charges for 2016/17.

To contribute to the Council's Corporate Priority 'To improve the quality of life for local people'.

Yours sincerely,



Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager and Monitoring Officer

