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Dear Councillor,

Record of Decision taken by Cabinet - 23 February, 2016

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on <u>23 February</u>, <u>2016</u>, 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 28 February, 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 28 FEBRUARY 2016 BEING FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE CABINET MEETING.)

# **Public Information**

5. 2016/2017 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan

### \*RESOLVED -

That it be recommended to Full Council that:

- 1. The revised budget for 2015/16 be approved.
- 2. The Local Government Finance Settlement be noted.
- 3. That, subject to receiving a full report of the implications of the offer, the principle of receiving a four year Local Government Finance Settlement be approved.
- 4. The Collection Fund and the Tax Base forecasts be noted.
- 5. The Portfolio budgets and the overall revenue budget summary for 2016/17 be approved.
- 6. Authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive to review what is required to submit an Efficiency Strategy for the Council to ensure that maximum opportunity is taken from the proposed flexibility in relation to the future use of capital receipts.
- 7. The budget forecasts for 2016/17 and the medium term as well as the strategy for addressing the projected deficits be noted.
- 8. The estimates of reserves including:
  - I. maintaining the General Working Balance at £1.5m;
  - II. allocating £40k from the Invest to Save Reserve and £110k from the Service Improvement Reserve to finance the £150k budget growth request for support to deliver the Council's savings targets;
  - III. allocating £245k from the Property Repairs Fund to fund capital programme schemes;

be approved.

- 9. The budget risks and sensitivity analysis be noted.
- 10. The Local Business Rate Retail Relief schemes, for which the Government will no longer be providing funding, cease.
- 11. The recommended £5 increase in Council Tax for 2016/17 be approved.
- 12. The 2016/17 Council Tax Requirement and financing be approved.
- 13. The Chief Financial Officer's assurances be noted.

#### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

In order to meet the statutory requirements relating to setting a budget and the council tax.

**6.** General Fund Capital Programme

#### \*RESOLVED -

That it be recommended to Full Council that:

- 1. The Capital Strategy be approved.
- 2. The updated General Fund Capital Programme expenditure and financing be approved.
- 3. The new schemes outlined in paragraph 8.4 of the Chief Finance Officer's report are added to the Capital Programme.
- 4. The prioritised list of "waiting list" schemes for the Capital Programme be approved.

#### REASON FOR DECISIONS

To update the Council's General Fund Capital Programme, and ensure that it is affordable and deliverable over the medium term.

7. Chesterfield Borough Council's Council Plan

#### \*RESOLVED -

That it be recommended to Full Council that:

- 1. The Council Plan 2015-2019, updated for 2016/17 is adopted as the Council's strategic framework.
- 2. The Deputy Leader is delegated authority to approve any minor drafting changes that may be required in order to improve the readability of the plan.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To provide the Council with a clear statement of its strategic priorities for 2015-2019 and a framework within which decisions can be made about the allocation of resources.

**8.** Review of Fees and Charges for Outdoor Recreation 2016/17

#### \*RESOLVED -

- 1. That the charges set out in Appendix A of the officer's report be approved and implemented for the financial year 2016/17.
- 2. That the Interim Environmental Services Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing be authorised to revise the approved Fees and Charges where threats to income generation emerge and/or opportunities to raise additional income arise, when they are in line with the Council's general principles for charging.
- 9. Housing Revenue Account Budget 2016/17 2021/22

## \*RESOLVED -

- 1. That the probable outturn for the current financial year be noted.
- 2. That the draft estimates for 2016/17 be noted.
- 3. That the "Growth Items" at Annexe 6 of Appendix A of the officers' report be approved.

4. That further work is undertaken to identify actions required which will return the working balance for 2017/18 onwards to acceptable levels, and that the findings are reported back as part of the Housing Revenue Account 30 Year Business Plan Report.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council to set the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2016/17.

To continue with the financial strategy contained in the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and self-financing debt settlement arrangements.

**10.** Housing Capital Programme - New Programme for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

#### \*RESOLVED -

That Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:

- 1. The Housing (Public Sector) Capital Programme for 2016/17 be approved, and its procurement, as necessary, be authorised.
- 2. The provisional Housing (Public Sector) Capital Programme's for 2017/18 and 2018/19 be noted.
- 3. The Operational Services Division share of the Programme be approved.
- 4. The Housing Service Manager Business Planning and Strategy be delegated authority to vire between programme heads and budgets in order to manage the Capital Programme as set out in the report.

## **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

The Council will be able to maintain its 'Decent Homes Standard' targets in line with the Council's Vision and Corporate Plan.

The condition of the Public Sector housing stock and its environment will be maintained and improved.

To contribute to the aims of the Housing Strategy and deliver the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan.

# **11.** Housing Repairs Budget 2016/17

## \*RESOLVED -

- 1. That the Housing Repairs Budget for 2016/17 at Appendix 1 of the officer's report be approved.
- 2. That the Housing Services Manager Operational Services, be authorised to vire between responsive repairs budget heads in order to effectively manage and respond to fluctuations in tenant-led or weather dependent repairs.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

To permit required maintenance of the Housing Stock.

To support working with tenants through the tenant participation Strategy.

To support the Council's Vision and Corporate Plan.

13. Sheffield City Region Investment Fund – Funding Agreements

### \*RESOLVED -

That Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:

- 1. The Council enters into the Sheffield City Region Investment Fund (SCRIF) funding agreement with Sheffield City Region Combined Authority for the delivery of Chesterfield Waterside and Peak Resort, subject to a satisfactory business case being in place.
- The Cabinet Member for Regeneration is delegated authority to approve back to back funding agreements with the final recipients of SCRIF funding – Chesterfield Waterside Ltd and Birchall Properties Ltd.

# **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To bring about the successful delivery of the Chesterfield Waterside and Peak Resort schemes, both of which are Council Corporate Plan objectives.

Yours sincerely,

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Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager and Monitoring Officer