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Dear Councillor,

Record of Decision taken by Cabinet - 24 January, 2023

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 24 January, 2023, 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, 29 January 2023.

(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 29 JANUARY 2023 BEING FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE CABINET MEETING.)

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## Public Information

### 4. General Fund Revenue Budget Summary

#### **\*RESOLVED**

1. That the updated budget projections for 2022/23 be noted.
2. That the progress made in the development of the budget for 2023/24 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for years 2023/24 to 2026/27 be noted.
3. That it be noted that financial work continues to refine the draft estimates for 2023/24 and future years and identify ways in which a balanced budget can be achieved, and that these activities will form part of the MTFP Council report in February 2023.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

1. This report presents an updated assessment of the Council's forecast outturn for 2022/23 and the progress made, in addressing the deficit in year.
2. This report also sets out the context of the financial environment for the medium-term and represents the Council's first phase of its draft budget and MTFP setting proposals for 2023/24 to 2026/27. It is acknowledged that further work is required to produce a balanced position for 2023/24 and for the subsequent financial years of the MTFP.

### 5. HRA Rent and Service Charge setting 2023/24

#### **\*RESOLVED**

1. That individual social rents for 2023/24 for current general needs tenants be set based on the current national social rent policy, giving a rent increase of 7.0% with effect from 3 April 2023.
2. That in 2023/24 and onwards 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. Target rents are to increase by 11.1%.

3. That individual social rents for 2023/24 for current sheltered housing scheme tenants be set based on the current national social rent policy, giving a rent increase of 11.1% with effect from 3 April 2023. This increase will also apply to new and transferring tenants.
4. That individual affordable rents for 2023/24 be set based on the current national social rent policy, giving a cash rent increase of 7.0% with effect from 3 April 2023.
5. That where an affordable rent property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant in 2023/24 and onwards, 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, which is greater.
6. That the principle of putting the true costs of delivering services onto tenants be approved and therefore, service charges should be increased to ensure services break even. It is recommended that the service charges be increased as set out in Appendix 1 Housing Revenue Account Service Charges 2023/24 of the officer's report.

## **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

1. To enable the Council to set the level of council house rents in accordance with Government guidelines and the Rent Standard.
2. To enable the Council to set service charges for 2023/24 and ensure the cost of delivering services continues to break even.
3. To contribute to the Council's corporate priority 'to improve the quality of life for local people'.

Yours sincerely,



Head of Regulatory Law and Monitoring Officer