

CABINET**Tuesday, 17th December, 2019**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors Serjeant
Blank
T Gilby
Ludlow

Councillors Holmes
J Innes
Mannion-Brunt
Sarvent

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

77 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

78 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 3 December, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

79 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 January to 30 April, 2020 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

80 **MINUTES OF THE SHEFFIELD CITY REGION MAYORAL COMBINED**

AUTHORITY BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of the Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority Board held on 18 November, 2019 were reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes be noted.

81 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL ON MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

The Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer presented a report detailing the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IR Panel) following its recent review of the Members' Allowances Scheme. The Council appointed the IR Panel earlier in the year to consider Members' allowances as a statutory requirement of the Local Government Act 2000. The IR Panel last carried out a comprehensive review in 2015.

The IR Panel's report recommended increases to the Basic Allowance along with the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) for the Chair of Planning, Appeals and Regulatory and Standards and Audit Committees, and the Vice Chairs of Planning and Appeals and Regulatory Committee. The Panel's report also recommended the introduction (or re-introduction) of two SRAs: Chair of Licensing Committee and Deputy Leader of the main opposition group. In addition, the Panel recommended that the SRA for the Vice Chairs of Scrutiny Committees be reduced. The overall cost of implementing the Panel's recommendations amounted to an additional £8,472, a year compared to the current scheme, which reduced to £3,718 whilst the Chair of Appeals and Regulatory Committee was also the Chair of the Licensing Committee.

The decision on whether the Panel's recommendations be accepted in full, in part or rejected would be taken by Full Council at its meeting on 18 December, 2019.

***RESOLVED –**

That it be recommended to Full Council that:

1. They consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and determine whether or not to approve some or all of the Panel's recommendations.
2. The IR Panel's report be published in the press and on the Council website, as set out at paragraph 6 of the officer's report.
3. A supplementary estimate to meet the additional costs outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the officer's report be approved.
4. They express both their appreciation and thanks to the members of the IR Panel for the thorough and efficient way in which they carried out the review.
5. The basic allowance, special responsibility allowances and Mayoral Allowance be updated annually in line with the annual percentage pay increase given to Chesterfield Borough Council employees as agreed for each financial year by the National Joint Council for Local Government Staff until 31 March, 2023 unless the Council has before then sought a further recommendation from its IR Panel on their application in this scheme.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme to be reviewed as required by the Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

82 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET SUMMARY

The Acting Chief Finance Officer submitted a report to update members on the development of the General Fund Revenue Budget Summary for 2020/21 and future years.

The latest revised budget for 2019/20 showed a projected surplus of £75k. The report attributed this to increased rental income from the Town Hall and savings with regards to the review of the Insurance Fund, trading accounts and staffing efficiencies.

The report provided an update on the Medium Term Financial Forecast. The latest projected deficit for 2020/21 was £242k, increasing to £876k by 2024/25. The future forecasts were dependant on core trading income

streams remaining consistent including income from car parks, leisure, business rents and income from the theatres.

The Acting Chief Finance Officer advised that, in advance of the final budget for 2019/20 being agreed by full Council on 26 February, 2020, 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 2019/20 and future years, as detailed in appendix A of the officer's report, be noted.
2. That work to refine the draft estimates and to identify further budget saving proposals be continued.
3. That the proposed use of the Markham Vale Enterprise Zone business rates rebate, as outlined in paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 of the officer's report, be approved.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To keep Members informed on the development of the budget proposals for 2020/21 and to provide an update on the medium term financial forecasts.

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SHELTERED HOUSING INVESTMENT UPDATE

The Asset Management and Programmed Works Manager submitted a report to seek approval for the internal and external refurbishment of Leander Court as part of the approved works at Mallard Court and Pullman Close, Staveley. The report also sought approval to temporarily close and refurbish Aston Court, Staveley as part of the planned community projects in Staveley.

The report advised that Leander Court was currently general needs provision however it would be incorporated into the Mallard Court project to provide an expanded sheltered housing complex. Demand for flats and bedsits at these schemes had generally been low and the Council had identified a need to maintain the supply of affordable, modern and attractive accommodation to provide housing for the ageing population.

Once refurbished, Aston Court would be offered as general needs provision.

Investment in the proposed schemes would be included in the new Housing Capital Programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 that would be presented to Cabinet in February 2020.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the refurbishment project at Leander Court, in conjunction with the previously approved works at Mallard Court and Pullman Close, Staveley, be completed at an estimated cost of £3.9 million.
2. That the temporary closure and refurbishment of Aston Court, Staveley, be approved at an estimated cost of £3.2 million.
3. That lettings at Mallard and Leander Courts be ceased to enable a suitable decant strategy to be undertaken using accommodation at Aston Court.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To meet the Council's priority 'to improve the quality of life for local people' and objective five 'to increase the supply and quality of housing in Chesterfield Borough to meet current and future needs.'

84 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.

85 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO COLLECT AND DISPOSE OF DOMESTIC WASTE FROM MAY 2020

The Interim Assistant Director – Commercial Services submitted a report to update members on the actions taken to procure a supplier for the

future delivery of the Council's waste collection contract. The report proposed that the contract be awarded to Veolia following an open tender process and sought approval for a revised five-year revenue budget for the provision of the contract and capital expenditure for the purchase of a new vehicle fleet.

The new contract would be for a period of five years, with the option to extend for a further two years, and would include the provision of the following waste collection services:

- Collection of Domestic Residual Waste and Healthcare Waste
- Collection of Domestic Organic Waste
- Collection of Commercial Waste
- Collection of Bulky Waste Items including fridges, freezers and other electrical items
- Delivery, repair and replacement of all domestic waste receptacles

The collection of market waste and recycling, and market grounds cleaning services, would be brought in-house from 1 May, 2020, enabling improvements to be made to service delivery and provide value for money.

The report would be considered by Full Council on 18 December, 2019.

Councillor Holmes requested that his abstention be recorded in the minutes.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the decisions taken to close the open tender process for the procurement of Waste Collection Services and implement Regulation 32 of the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015 to enable direct negotiations with a single supplier to secure the best value for money outcome for the future provision of Waste Collection Services across the borough be noted.
2. That it be noted that the revenue costs associated with the award of the contract and other elements of service delivery will lead to a different five-year budget profile for the provision of Waste Collection Services than the budget profile that is currently approved by Council.

3. That it be recommended to Full Council that the revised five-year revenue budget profile for the provision of Waste Collection Services from 2020/21, as set out in section 8 of the officer's report, be approved.
4. That a five-year contract be awarded to Veolia with the options to extend the contract for a further two years and then, if desired, a further seven years, to provide the following Waste Collection Services from 1 May, 2020:
 - Collection of Domestic Residual Waste and Healthcare Waste
 - Collection of Domestic Organic Waste
 - Collection of Commercial Waste
 - Collection of Bulky Waste items including fridges, freezers and other electrical items
 - Delivery, repair and replacement of all domestic waste receptacles
5. That the proposals for the direct in-house delivery of the market waste and recycling collection and market grounds cleaning services from 1 May, 2020, as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the officer's report, be approved.
6. That the range of service improvements that the new contract delivers, specifically with regards to sustainability and digital technology, be noted.
7. That it be recommended to Full Council that the capital expenditure for the purchase of a new vehicle fleet for the future delivery of Waste Collection Services, as set out in paragraphs 3.10 and 7.3 of the officer's report, be approved, and that this item of additional expenditure be added to the Council's Capital Programme for 2019/2020.
8. That the work being done to identify the most cost-effective method of procuring the vehicles that complies with current procurement legislation and delivers value for money be noted.
9. That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, to finalise the procurement arrangements for the new vehicles.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To agree the arrangements for the future provision of Waste Collection Services prior to the expiration of the current contract to ensure continuity of service.