

## CABINET Post-Decision

### Summary of the Decisions taken

**Date of Meeting** Monday, 15th December, 2014 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

**Date of Delivery to Members:** Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

**Date which any call in must be received by:** Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014

**Implementation of decisions delayed to:** Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

(Other than those items marked with an asterisk (\*) which need to be implemented urgently and those items marked with a hash (#) which have been considered by scrutiny in the past 6<sup>th</sup> months and cannot be called in).

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION	WARD	RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
1.	Declarations of Interest	None.		-
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2014	Approved.		Resolved
3.	Medium Term Financial Planning 2015-19	(a) That the update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted.  (b) That the draft savings proposals in respect of 2015-16, as detailed in	All	Resolved

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		<p>Appendix A of the report, be approved for inclusion in the proposed budget to full Council in February 2015.</p> <p>(c) That the level of restructuring implied within the report, being that this could be in excess of 20 members of staff / posts, be approved.</p>		
4.	Council Taxbases for 2015/16	<p>(a) That the level of council tax discount in respect of second homes remains at 0%.</p> <p>(b) That the level of discount in respect of long-term empty properties remains at 0%. With the charge of a 50% Empty Home Premium for on properties that have been empty longer than 2 years.</p> <p>(c) That the collection rate for the council tax for 2015/16 be set at 98.2% (this is an increase of 0.2% and has been agreed with the Council's transactional services partner, arvato).</p> <p>(d) In accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 the amount calculated by Slough Borough Council as its council taxbase for 2015/16 shall be:</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>(i) Parish of Britwell 597.0  (ii) Parish of Coln. w Poyle 1,781.1  (iii) Parish of Wexham 1,270.3  (iv) Slough Town 34,814.2  <b>All areas 38,462.6</b></p> <p>(e) That the S151 officer be delegated with responsibility to adjust the taxbase following Cabinet due to any changes in Government guidance around this subject and the Collection Fund figures for distribution.</p> <p>(f) That the S151 officer be delegated with responsibility to adjust the taxbase following Cabinet should any new property information become available and the Collection Fund figures for distribution require amendment.</p> <p>(g) That the S151 officer be delegated with responsibility to set the Business Rates baseline following consultation with the Commissioner responsible.</p> <p>(h) Assumes that the current Council Tax Support Scheme remains unchanged for 2015/16 apart from the uprating for all customers as detailed in section 4.6 and the accompanying Council Tax Support scheme paper. This includes the approval for the Chief Executive and S151 Officer to make any textual amendments.</p>		

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5.	Business Rates Policies and Reliefs	That the Business Rates reliefs and policies included in Appendix A of the report be approved, subject to an increase in retail rate relief from £1,000 to £1,500 in line with the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.	All	Resolved
6.	Council Tax Support Scheme 2015-16	<p>(a) That the Council Tax Support Scheme adopted by Slough Borough Council for the 2014-15 financial year be continued and the relevant premiums, applicable amounts, non dependant deductions etc be up-rated in line with the statement from the Minister of Pensions.</p> <p>(b) That the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer update the scheme to reflect such up-ratings of premiums, allowances and non dependent deductions as may be determined by the Department of Work and Pensions, and for other minor technical changes which may be required.</p>	All	Resolved
7.	Approach to Heathrow Consultation	<p>(a) That all members be invited to comment on the list of potential mitigation and indicate their prioritisation, and that any further suggestions for mitigation are taken into consideration.</p> <p>(b) That the high level assessment of impacts, and the summary list of mitigations likely to be required be approved in principle.</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>(c) That officers continue to engage with scheme promoters to encourage the inclusion of the required mitigations in scheme proposals.</p> <p>(d) That a draft response to the Airports Commission consultation be compiled by officers in time to be reviewed by Cabinet at its next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015, and submitted by the close of the consultation on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.</p>		
8.	Environmental Services Contract Savings	That the proposed changes to the Amey contract, identified in section 5 of the report, be approved subject to the provision of some contingency funding to be available, if required, for hedge trimming to respond during any exceptional periods of growth.	All	Resolved
9.	A332 Windsor Road Route Enhancement and A355 Tuns Lane/Farnham Road Route Enhancement	<p>(a) That the process of securing funding from Thames Valley Berkshire LEP be progressed and supported.</p> <p>(b) That the terms of the offer, including the potential need for the remainder of the scheme cost to be met by local funding contributions, be noted.</p> <p>(c) That the local funding contributions required from Council capital resources be agreed in principle subject to further consideration of scheme costs.</p>	All	Resolved

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		(d) That the design of the scheme be agreed in principle subject to a positive outcome of the public consultation.  (e) That the tendering process be progressed in due course in line with the Council's procurement policy.		
10.	Children's Social Care Workforce Strategy 2014-17	That the Children's Social Care Workforce Strategy be endorsed as part of the Children's Social Care Improvement Programme.	All	-
11.	Looked After Children Pupil Premium Policy	That the draft Looked After Children Pupil Premium Policy be adopted by the Council.	All	-
12.	Contracts In Excess of £250,000	That the list of contracts in Appendix A to the report be endorsed.	All	Resolved
13.	References from Overview & Scrutiny	None.	All	-
14.	Notification of Forthcoming Decisions	Endorsed.	All	Resolved
15.	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	Agreed.		Resolved
16.	Cambridge Education Contract Variation *	A way forward was agreed regarding a possible variation to the contact between the Council and Mott MacDonald (Cambridge Education) relating to the provision of education services in Slough.	All	-