

CABINET Post-Decision

Summary of the Decisions taken

Date of Meeting Monday, 8th February, 2016 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

Date of Delivery to Members: Tuesday, 9th February, 2016

Date which any call in must be received by: Tuesday, 16th February, 2016

Implementation of decisions delayed to: Wednesday, 17th February, 2016

(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 6th 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 18th January 2016	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Financial & Performance Report - Quarter 3 2015-16 #	(a) That the virements and write offs contained within the report be approved. (b) That the current financial forecast position, balanced scorecard and update on Gold projects be noted.	All	Resolved

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4.	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-2020 #	That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-20 be approved.	All	Recommended
5.	Treasury Management Strategy 2016/17 #	That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17 be approved.	All	Recommended
6.	Capital Strategy 2016-2022 #	<p>(a) That the capital strategy of £235m and the Minimum Revenue Provision be approved and Recommended to full Council.</p> <p>(b) That it be noted that the notional costs of borrowing for the capital programme to the revenue budget would increase by up to £2.5m per annum commencing during the period of the capital strategy to fund borrowing and / or the reduction of investments of £40m.</p> <p>(c) That the principles underpinning the capital programme in paragraph 5.1.2 and Minimum Revenue Provision principles be approved.</p> <p>(d) That the appendices A to C detailing the capital programmes be approved (subject to these having approved Final Business Cases by the Capital Strategy Board).</p>	All	Recommended
7.	Revenue Budget 2016-17 #	That the Revenue Budget 2016/17 be approved and Recommended to Council on 25 th February 2016, noting that other organisations have yet to set their Council Tax precepts and subject to any adjustments from the final Local Government Finance Settlement.	All	Recommended

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		<p>Council Tax Resolution – In relation to the Council Tax for 2016/17</p> <p>(a) That in pursuance of the powers conferred on the Council as the billing authority for its area by the Local Government Finance Acts (the Acts), the Council Tax for the Slough area for the year ending 31 March 2017 be as specified below and that the Council Tax be levied accordingly.</p> <p>(b) That it be noted that at its meeting on 14 December 2015 Cabinet calculated the following Tax Base amounts for the financial year 2016/17 in accordance with Regulations made under sections 31B (3) and 34(4) of the Act:</p> <p>(i) 40,001.8 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) as the Council Tax Base for the whole of the Slough area for the year 2016/17; and</p> <p>(ii) The sums below being the amounts of Council Tax Base for the Parishes within Slough for</p>		

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		<p>2016/17:</p> <p>a) Parish of Britwell xxx b) Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle xxx c) Parish of Wexham xxx</p> <p>(c) That the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with sections 31A to 36 of the Act:</p> <p>(i) £420,457,936 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A (2)(a) to (f) of the Act. (Gross Expenditure);</p> <p>(ii) £ 371,765,208 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act. (Gross Income);</p> <p>(iii) £48,907,610 being the amount by which the aggregate at paragraph c (i) above exceeds the aggregate at paragraph c (ii) above calculated by the Council as its council tax requirement for the year as set out in section</p>		

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		<p>31A(4) of the Act. (Council Tax Requirement);</p> <p>(iv) £1,222.65 being the amount at paragraph c(iii) above divided by the amount at paragraph b(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, including the requirements for Parish precepts.</p> <p>(v) That for the year 2016/17 the Council determines in accordance with section 34 (1) of the Act, Total Special Items of £215,778 representing the total of Parish Precepts for that year.</p> <p>(vi) £1,217.26 being the amount at paragraph c (iv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at paragraph c (v) above by the relevant amounts at paragraph b (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.</p>		

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		<p data-bbox="913 743 1469 922">(xi) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised to give due notice of the said Council Tax in the manner provided by Section 38(2) of the 2012 Act.</p> <p data-bbox="913 962 1469 1401">(xii) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised when necessary to apply for a summons against any Council Tax payer or non-domestic ratepayer on whom an account for the said tax or rate and arrears has been duly served and who has failed to pay the amounts due to take all subsequent necessary action to recover them promptly.</p>																																															

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		<p>(xiii) That the Section 151 Officer be authorised to collect (and disperse from the relevant accounts) the Council Tax and National Non- Domestic Rate and that whenever the office of the Section 151 Officer is vacant or the holder thereof is for any reason unable to act, the Chief Executive or such other authorised post-holder be authorised to act as before said in his or her stead.</p> <p>(xiv) The above figures assume a council tax freeze for the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority. If this is not the case this report requests the Section 151 or nominated officer be authorised to adjust the council tax charges in line with final figures in consultation with the leader and leader of the opposition</p> <p>Fees and Charges –</p> <p>(d) That the Cabinet resolves to increase Fees and charges as outlined in Appendix F for 2016/17 as follows:</p>		Resolved

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		<p>(i) An increase to the court costs figures from £129 to £152</p> <p>(ii) Charge VAT on local land searches</p> <p>(iii) Further changes as highlighted in appendix F to the report.</p> <p>Pay Policy –</p> <p>(e) That the Pay Policy outlined in Appendix O be noted for Council approval.</p>		
8.	Business Rates Policy Changes	<p>(a) That the Business Rates policies included in Appendix A to the report be approved.</p> <p>(b) That the reliefs which have ended be noted as detailed in the report.</p>	All	Resolved
9.	Localism Act 2011, Sections 87-108	That the amendment be approved that removes the avenue for a Nominator to appeal the decision taken by the Head of Asset Management in approving/rejecting a nomination of an asset of community value.	All	Resolved
10.	References from Overview & Scrutiny #	<p>(a) That the report of the Casework Task & Finish Group be welcomed and the recommendations be endorsed in principle.</p> <p>(b) That the Task & Finish Group, working with the Commissioner for Performance & Accountability, re-convene to take forward implementation of the recommendations, including both the</p>	All	Resolved

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		short term improvements that could be made to the casework process and investigation of the most appropriate IT system.		
11.	Notification of Forthcoming Decisions	Endorsed.	All	Resolved