

# CABINET Post-Decision

## Summary of the Decisions taken

**Date of Meeting** Monday, 22nd February, 2021 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

**Date of Delivery to Members:** Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021

**Date which any call in must be received by:** Tuesday, 2nd March, 2021

**Implementation of decisions delayed to:** Wednesday, 3rd March, 2021

(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 PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
1.	Declarations of Interest	None.	-	-
2.	Revenue Budget 2021/2022 and MTFS 2021-2024 #	1. The Cabinet agreed to note and take into account the statutory S25 report of the S151 officer at Appendix M to the report in determining:  (a) The proposed budget for 2021/22; (b) The medium term financial plans for 2021/22 – 2023/24; (c) The level of reserves.	All	Resolved

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
		<p>2. The Cabinet noted:</p> <p>(a) The use of £5.106m of Capital Receipts to fund the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) in 2021/22 and £3.144m in 2022/23;</p> <p>(b) In 2021/22, £12.200m of revenue spend would be capitalised in accordance with the Capitalisation Directive from MHCLG (see section 14 of the report);</p> <p>(c) The Dedicated Schools Grant [DSG] settlement for 2021/22 (see Section 13 of the report) and the allocation of £193.905m as set out in Appendix L;</p> <p>3. The Cabinet agreed to recommend to Council to approve:</p> <p>(a) The Council Tax Support Scheme (CTSS) was not to be varied or revised for 2021/22;</p> <p>(b) With regard to the 2021/22 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account budgets, and the Medium Term Financial Strategy:</p> <p>I. The General Fund Budget Requirement of £133.574m for 2021/22;</p>		Recommended

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
		<p>II. Proposed savings of £15.576m for 2021/22 and overall savings of £23.573m for the three years to 2023/24;</p> <p>III. Growth and pressures of £12.593m for 2021/22 and overall pressures of £19.178m to 2023/24;</p> <p>IV. The Housing Revenue Account budget for 2021/22 of £36.790m as set out in Appendix F;</p> <p>V. The forecast reserves of £14.458m at the end of 2021/22 as set out in Appendix G;</p> <p>(c) The strategy for the use of flexible capital receipts to deliver transformation and ongoing savings as set out in Appendix H to the report;</p> <p>(d) The calculations for determining the Council tax requirement for the year 2021/22 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as set out in Appendix J to the report;</p> <p>(e) The Council increase the Council tax for a band D property by £70.83 for 2021/22, giving a band D Council Tax of £1,490.30 per year, excluding the precepts from Police, Fire and parishes as set out below:</p>		

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Its general band D Council Tax by 1.99%, the maximum permitted without a referendum as previously planned; and</li> <li>ii. Its Adult Social Care Precept by 3.00% as confirmed by Government in the Final Local Government Settlement.</li> </ul> <p>4. Noted the following Council tax increases and precepts as detailed in Appendix J to the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Parish Precepts of £185,244;</li> <li>(b) The Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley has increased Council tax for a band D property to £231.28 per annum, a 6.9% increase on 2020/21, resulting in a precept of £9,442,862;</li> <li>(c) The Royal Berkshire Fire Authority is expected to agree an increase of £1.35 for a band D property to £68.95 per annum, a 1.99% increase on 2020/21, resulting in a precept of £2,815,139;</li> <li>(d) This gave a total Band D Council Tax of £1,790.53 plus any Parish precept where applicable set out in Appendix J to the report.</li> </ul>		

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
		<p>5. The Fees and Charges for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix K to the report.</p> <p>6. That in the event of Capitalisation Directive not receiving Ministerial approval, the Cabinet would work to prepare an alternative proposal to present a balanced budget to Council, including the use of reserves and other means.</p>		
3.	Capital Strategy 2021-2024 #	<p>The Cabinet agreed to recommend the following to full Council:</p> <p>(a) The General Fund capital programme 2021/22 to 2023/24 of £147.557m and the associated Minimum Revenue Provision.</p> <p>(b) The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme 2021/22 to 2023/24 of £161.743m, including £147.248m for Affordable Housing schemes.</p> <p>(c) The principles underpinning the capital programme in paragraph 5.1.2 of the report and the Minimum Revenue Provision principles in Section 7.</p> <p>(d) The notional funding allocations for individual schemes as highlighted in Appendix A of the report (General</p>	All	Recommended

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
		<p>Fund), Appendices B and C (HRA and Affordable Housing) for the period 2020-2024.</p> <p>(e) The Prudential Indicators, as set out in Section 6 of the report, and the Operational Boundary and Authorised Limit as set out in Tables 1.7 and 1.8. in order to provide increased flexibility to fund the Council's Capital Expenditure plans.</p> <p>The Cabinet noted:</p> <p>(f) The estimated interest costs of borrowing £119.4m to fund the entire capital programme, assuming an interest cost of 1%, excluding the Minimum Revenue Provision, was £1.194m pa. These costs had been included within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>(g) The Council would withdraw from its reliance on using capital receipts to fund the Minimum Revenue Provision over the lifetime of this capital programme. The revenue impact of the decision resulted in a £6.573m pressure by 2023/24. These costs had been included within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p>		Resolved

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
		(h) The Capital cashflow forecast in Appendix D to the report.		
4.	Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 #	That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22 and the Investment Strategy 2021-22 be recommended to full Council on 8th March 2021.	All	Recommended
5.	Five Year Plan 2021-26 and Slough 2040 Vision	<p>(a) Recommend that the refresh of the Five Year Plan as at Appendix A to the report be approved.</p> <p>(b) Endorse the Slough 2040 Vision on behalf of Slough Borough Council, as laid out in section 5.2 and Appendix B of the report.</p>	All	<p>Recommended</p> <p>Resolved</p>
6.	Council Energy Contract 2021-22 to be tendered value above £180k	<p>(a) Delegate authority to the AD of Place Operations, following consultation with the Lead Member for Sustainable Transport &amp; Environmental Services, to access a legally compliant framework, award call-off contracts and agree and finalise terms and conditions with suppliers, for a 12-month fixed price corporate energy contract .</p> <p>(b) Note that this is an urgent key decision and in line with Part 4.2 Rule 16.1 – Special Urgency Access to Information Procedure of the Council’s Constitution, the approval of the chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been obtained that the</p>	All	Resolved

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
		<p>making of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.</p> <p>(c) Note that the Chief Executive exercised her powers under rule 1.4 part 3.6 of the Constitution (Urgency Provisions) to approve the commencement of the procurement process.</p> <p>(d) Note that the AD of Place Operations will initiate and execute an energy procurement strategy for the period 2022-2025 for report and approval by no later than July 2021, for execution by no later than October 2021.</p>		