

**EXECUTIVE
14 FEBRUARY 2017
5.00 - 5.45 PM**



Present:

Councillors Bettison OBE (Chairman), Dr Barnard (Vice-Chairman), D Birch, Brunel-Walker, Mrs Hayes MBE, Heydon, McCracken and Turrell

62. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Birch and Heydon declared an interest in Item 64: Capital Programme 2017/18 – 2019/20, as Board Members of the Downshire Homes Board.

63. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 24 January 2017 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

64. Capital Programme 2017/18 - 2019/20

RESOLVED that the Executive recommended to the Council:

1.
 - a) General Fund capital funding of £69.083m for 2017/18 in respect of those schemes listed in Annexes A – E.
 - b) the inclusion of an additional budget of £1m for Invest to Save schemes.
 - c) the inclusion of £0.942m of expenditure to be funded from S106 as outlined in paragraph 5.32.
 - d) that those schemes that attract external grant funding are included within the Capital Programme at the level of funding received.
 - e) that funding of £0.473m be released through a supplementary capital approval in 2016/17 for the schemes included in para 5.30
2. Agreed that capital schemes that require external funding can only proceed once the Council is certain of receiving the grant.
3. Reviewed the indicative programme for 2018/19 and 2019/20 in the light of resources available and spending priorities in December 2017.

65. General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18

RESOLVED that the Executive, in recommending to Council a budget and Council Tax level for 2017/18:

- 1.

- i) confirmed the original budget proposals, subject to the revisions in section 8.3 and those decisions to be taken elsewhere on this agenda on the capital programme;
 - ii) agreed the provision for inflation of £1.553m (section 8.2);
 - iii) agreed the additional budget proposals as set out in Annexe A and Annexe D and in sections 6.2, 6.3, 7.3 and 7.4;
 - iv) agreed that the Council should fund the Schools budgets at the level set out in section 9.1 subject to any amendments made by the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning following the receipt of definitive funding allocations for Early Years and High Needs pupils;
 - v) Included a contingency of £2.000m (section 10.6), use of which is to be authorised by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Borough Treasurer in accordance with the delegations included in the Council's constitution;
2. Subject to the above recommendations, confirmed the draft budget proposals;
 3. Approved the Net Revenue Budget before allowance for additional interest from any use of balances as set out in Annexe G;
 4. Agreed a £2.542m contribution from revenue balances (before additional interest from the use of balances) to support revenue expenditure;
 5. Recommended that the Council Tax requirement, excluding Parish and Town Council precepts, be set as £53.247m;
 6. Recommended a 4.99% increase in the Council Tax for the Council's services and that each Valuation Band is set as follows:

Band	Tax Level Relative to Band D	£
A	6/9	796.26
B	7/9	928.97
C	8/9	1,061.68
D	9/9	1,194.39
E	11/9	1,459.81
F	13/9	1,725.23
G	15/9	1,990.65
H	18/9	2,388.78

7. Recommended that the Council approves the following indicators, limits, strategies and policies included in Annexe E:
 - The Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2017/18 to 2019/20 contained within Annexe E(i);
 - The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy contained within Annexe E(ii);
 - The Treasury Management Strategy Statement, and the Treasury Prudential Indicators contained in Annexe E(iii);
 - The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator in Annexe E(iii);
 - The Investment Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 and Treasury Management Limits on Activity contained in Annexe E(iv);

8. Approved the virements relating to the 2016/17 budget as set out in Annexe H.
9. Approved the write-off of the Business Rates debt referred to in paragraph 16.1.

66. **Learning Improvement Strategy Framework**

RESOLVED that the Learning Improvement Strategy Framework be agreed and the Executive;

- i) agreed the process of consultation and co-production of the Learning Improvement Strategy Framework.
- ii) commenced using statutory powers and intervention as stated within the Schools Causing Concern: Statutory guidance for local authorities, Department for Education (DfE) 2016 from 1 March 2017.
- iii) considered governance arrangements for this statutory action.

67. **Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017 - 2020**

RESOLVED that the Executive approved the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017-2020 attached as Annex 1.

68. **Outcome of the External Review of the use of the High Needs Funding Block (DfE funding for education services)**

RESOLVED that the Executive noted the recommendations and rationale on which they were based and approved the implementation of the recommendations given, subject to sufficient resources.

69. **Corporate Parenting Support for Care Leavers**

RESOLVED that the Executive noted the positive work the Council was doing in its role as Corporate Parent and as part of the ongoing support to care leavers in its role as Corporate Parent, that Council Tax exemption be granted to care leavers aged 18-21.

70. **One Public Estate Authority & Governance for Participation in the Berkshire Property Partnership**

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Berkshire Property Partnership, at Appendix A of the report, be agreed and

- i) that, where required, match funding for Bracknell Forest projects be met from existing resources.
- ii) that the Chief Executive may delegate to his representative on the working Partnership authority to make decisions supporting the programme delivery in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

71. **Direction under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended)**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (i) noted and approved the draft Article 4(1) Direction at Appendix A for the purposes of consultation; and,
- (ii) noted and approved the service of notice of the Article 4(1) Direction locally and the notification of the Secretary of State.

72. **Options for Joint Commissioning of Elderly Mentally Infirm (EMI) Care Home Beds**

RESOLVED that the Executive agreed to:

- i) enter into a funding agreement with NHS and Local Authority partners to finance the development of a Full Business Case in respect of developing a new care home on part of the Heathlands site.
- ii) subject to entering into agreement seek proposals to redevelop part of the Heathlands site to provide a new care home
- iii) subject to entering into agreement seek proposals on other specialist housing on the remaining part of the Heathlands site.
- iv) that the Executive noted that the proposals outlined here link to the Major Property review being undertaken as part of the Transformation Programme.

73. **Transformation Programme - Leisure Review Procurement Plan**

RESOLVED that the Procurement Plan for the market testing and potential outsourcing of the three major leisure sites outlined in the report be approved.

Decision Records

CHAIRMAN