

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Council is invited to consider the recommendations from the meetings of the Executive held on 13 September and 11 October 2018 and determine accordingly.

EXECUTIVE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

The extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 13 September 2018 are set out below.

1. BUSINESS RATES RECOVERY POLICY EXE18-052

The Portfolio Holder for Revenue Collection, Councillor Azad, introduced the report which sought approval of the Executive to recommend to Council the adoption of the Business Rates Recovery Policy. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that all people who received business rates bills were treated equally during the billing, collection and recovery process. The Executive noted that the Revenues Team worked hard to engage with residents.

Following a question, the Executive was informed that business rates write-offs were dependant on individual circumstances and not amounts.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

That (i) the Business Rates Recovery Policy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and

(ii) the Policy be implemented with immediate effect.

Reason: To recommend that Council adopts the Policy in order to increase business rates collection levels further.

2. COUNCIL TAX RECOVERY POLICY EXE18-053

The Portfolio Holder for Revenue Collection, Councillor Azad, introduced the report which sought approval of the Executive to recommend to Council the adoption of the Council Tax Recovery Policy. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that, as explained under the Business Rates Recovery Policy earlier on the agenda, all people who received council tax bills were treated equally during the billing, collection and recovery process. The Executive was informed that the recovery methods set out in both policies were prescribed in legislation. The importance of engagement was highlighted and it was noted that the Revenues Team worked hard to engage with residents.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

That (i) the Council Tax Recovery Policy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;

(ii) the Policy be implemented with immediate effect; and

(iii) the Finance Director be delegated authority to issue civil penalties under Schedule 3 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (and subsequent Orders).

Recommendations of the Executive

Reason: To recommend that Council adopts the Policy in order to increase Council Tax collection levels further.

EXECUTIVE – 11 OCTOBER 2018

The following recommendations have been taken from the reports to be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 11 October 2018. Extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the Executive will be tabled at Council.

3. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) INVESTMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

The Executive is requested to:

RECOMMEND to Council That

- (i) **the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Investment Strategy Update report be approved and the Executive be authorised to continue to prepare an Investment Strategy for future consideration which would generate sufficient income to avoid reduction in services for local people;**

and

RESOLVE That

- (ii) **the acquisition of CMS House, initially funded by the opportunity purchases budget, be allocated to the Investment Programme MTFS Investment Strategy budget.**

Reasons for Decision

Reason: The decision is sought to set the framework for Officers to develop the detailed budget for 2019/20 and further proposals for consideration, in due course, by the Council to ensure the medium term financial stability of the Council in the context of its objective to support growth and to maintain services for local people.

4. PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS TO CONTROL THE REPAIR OF VEHICLES

The Executive is requested to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That

the level of fixed penalty notices shall be set at £100 per penalty notice where it is considered that a person has committed an offence under Part 2 of section 4 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Reasons for Decision

Reason: The proposed penalty of £100 is in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

5. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RECOMMEND to Council That

the Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Strategy report be approved.

Reasons for Decision

Reason: To approve the proposed use of HRA resources and set a framework for preparing the detailed revenue and Housing Investment Programme budgets for 2019/20 onwards.

Background Papers:

None

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