

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### Executive Summary

The Council is invited to consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 7 February 2019. The recommendations before the Executive at its meeting on 7 February 2019 are set out below; the draft minutes of the Executive will be tabled at the meeting.

### Procedure to be followed.

The Mayor will take the report on Council Tax 2019-20 (Agenda Item 10) first, together with the recommendations of the Executive meeting on 7 February 2019 relating to the following:

- a. General Fund, Service Plans, Budgets and Prudential Indicators 2019-20.
- b. Housing Revenue Account Budgets 2019-20.
- c. Investment Programme 2018-19 to 2022-23.
- d. Capital, Investment and Treasury Management Strategies.

The items above will be debated after the Leader of the Council's Budget Statement.

The relevant extracts from the minutes of the Executive on 7 February 2019 will be tabled at the meeting of Council.

The remaining recommendations from the meeting of the Executive, as set out below, will be considered once the Council Tax for 2019-20 has been agreed.

- e. Petition – Ice-Cream Van in Woking Park
- f. Car Park Management System

## Recommendations of the Executive

EXECUTIVE – 7 FEBRUARY 2019

**A. GENERAL FUND, SERVICE PLANS, BUDGETS AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2019-20**

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That**

- (i) the Revenue Estimates and Human Resource requirements for 2019/20 be approved;
- (ii) a Band D Council Tax for the Borough of Woking for 2019/20 of £240.46 be approved;
- (iii) a long-term empty premium of 100% be added to the Council Tax payable for properties empty and substantially unfurnished for 2 years or more and the exemption available for unfurnished vacant properties be reduced to 7 days;
- (iv) the Prudential Indicators at Appendix 3 to the report be approved, subject to any changes arising from consideration of the Investment Programme, revenue budgets and Final Government Settlement;
- (v) the Surrey County Council element of the land charges fee be set at £38 plus VAT for Con29R and 19.20 plus VAT for Con29O from 1 April 2019;
- (vi) the Finance Director, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, submit responses to the 'Business Rates Retention Reform' and 'Review of; Local Authorities' Relative Needs and Resources' funding consultations;
- (vii) the Service Plans for 2019/20 at Appendix 4 to the report be approved; and
- (viii) the Food Safety Plan and Health and Safety Plan at Appendix 4a and 4b to the report be approved.

**B. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGETS 2019-20**

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That**

- (i) the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved; and
- (ii) with effect from 1 April 2019, rents be increased by 3.4% for Shared Ownership properties and be reduced by 1% for all other tenancies.

**C. INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2018-19 TO 2022-23**

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That**

- (i) the Investment Programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 be approved subject to reports on projects where appropriate;
- (ii) the proposed financing arrangements be approved; and

- (iii) capital and revenue grants for Brookwood Cemetery for 2019/20 and 2020/21 be approved.

**D. CAPITAL, INVESTMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That**

- (ii) the Capital and Investment Strategies for 2019/20 be approved;
- (iii) from 2018/19 the funding of Thamesway Housing Ltd to be amended from the existing combination of loan and shares with an equivalent margin of 1.5% to loan only at 1.5% margin over the Council's borrowing costs; and
- (iv) the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators set out in table 1 of Section 4 of the Treasury Management Strategy and the MRP policy set out in Appendix A be approved, subject to any changes arising from consideration of the Investment Programme, revenue budgets and Revenue Support Grant Settlement.

**E. PETITION – ICE-CREAM VAN IN WOKING PARK**

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That**

- (i) Mr Bellanca be offered a licence to trade in Woking Park at the location identified near to the bandstand from 1 March – 31 October 2019 under the same terms as in previous years;
- (ii) Mr Bellanca be also offered a licence to trade in Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground from 1 April – 30 September 2019 under the same terms as in previous years; and
- (iii) Officers be authorised to review these licence terms and put in place a process for interested parties to express an interest in operating mobile food vans at suitable venues owned by the Council from 2020 onwards.

**F. CAR PARK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That**

- (i) the proposal for new car park management systems be agreed with funding from the Council's Investment Programme; and
- (ii) the Assistant Director (Place) be delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to procure car park management systems through competitive dialogue.

**Background Papers:**

None.

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