

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 24 January 2023

CALL-IN BY MONDAY, 30 January 2023, 5pm

Subject

Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Scheme 2023/24

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL that the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022-23 be retained as the Scheme for 2023-24.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The existing scheme would be affordable to the Council and fair to recipients of Council Tax support.

Action by

R Hawes

Subject

Capital, Treasury Management and Investment Strategies 2023/24

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL that the Capital, Treasury and Investment Strategies 2023-24 as submitted to the meeting be approved.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The proposed Strategies met statutory requirements for the production of a treasury management strategy that achieved an acceptable balance between risk and return and capital and investment strategies that ensured the proper financial management of the Council's resources.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Revenue Budget 2023/24

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL that:

1. the contents of Appendix 1 to the report to the meeting, the Budget Report, be approved, and specifically the following be agreed:
 - i. The new Capital investments in Council services shown in **Section 4**
 - ii. The delegations to undertake the new capital schemes identified in **Section 4**, Tables 8 and 8a.
 - iii. The Revenue Budgets in **Section 9** and Capital Budgets in **Section 10**
 - iv. An increase in the average Band D level of Council Tax for the City Council to £215.08, the maximum allowed before a referendum, in **Section 8**
 - v. The movement in reserves shown in **Section 6**
 - vi. The Budget forecast in **Section 6** and **Section 7** the s151 officer's review of the budget, which Members are required to note.
 - vii. Special expenses, parish and Town Council's precepts as identified in **Section 8**, Table 17 (Parish precepts are not available until Full Council).
 - viii. Delegation to the Chief Executive to agree, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the pay award for 2023/24 within the normal financial delegations.

RESOLVED that:

1. The precepts for the two new Parishes, Chelmer Village and Garden Community, will be recommended under officer delegation to Council in February.
2. A delegation to the S151 Officer to update the budget report for parish precepts, changes to final Government settlement, Business Rate Retention income, following completing of NNDR1 statutory return to Government, and new Parish precepts after consultation with the Cabinet Member for a Fairer Chelmsford.
3. A delegation to S151 officer to prepare a legal resolution for submission to Council for consideration after consultation with the Cabinet Member for a Fairer Chelmsford.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The recommended budget would be prudent and in the best financial interests of the city.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Chelmsford Garden Community – Strategic Growth Site 6 Stage 1 Masterplan Framework

Decision

RESOLVED that

1. Cabinet agreed the Development Framework Document (DFD) attached at Appendix 3, subject to the completion of the Planning Framework Agreement (PFA) to be made under s106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and s111 of the Local Government Act 1972, and that the Director of Sustainable Communities use their existing delegated powers to negotiate and complete the Planning Framework Agreement in accordance with the summary set out at Appendix 4.
2. Cabinet delegated to the Director of Sustainable Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development to settle the final presentation of the Development Framework Document (DFD).
3. Cabinet delegated the agreement of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) to a baseline position to the Director of Sustainable Communities with future monitoring and updating to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Framework Agreement.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The Chelmsford Garden Community Development Framework Document as approved by the Chelmsford Policy Board would form an important part of the Stage 1 Masterplan Framework for the Chelmsford Garden Community.

Action by

J Potter

Subject

Memorandum of Understanding with North Essex Authorities

Decision

RESOLVED that

1. Cabinet agreed to sign the MOU.
2. The CEO in consultation with the Leader be authorised to make minor amendments to the MOU should other authorities request these provided any changes would not be detrimental to the City Council.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

Signing up to the MOU would provide greater opportunities for joint working and increase the Councils collective negotiating power with Government and other bodies.

Action by

N Eveleigh