

## CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 25 JANUARY 2021

CALL-IN BY MONDAY, 31 JANUARY 2022, 5pm

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#### Subject

Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2022-23

#### Decision

The Council was recommended to retain to current Local Council Tax Support Scheme in 2022-23.

#### Status

No call-in as yet.

#### Reason for Decision

To meet statutory requirements to put in place by 11 March 2022 a LCTS and to agree a scheme that is fair and affordable to the Council and recipients.

#### Action by

R Hawes

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#### Subject

Chelmsford Car Parking Fees 2022-23

#### Decision

The Cabinet approved the proposed car park tariffs as detailed in Appendix A to the report for implementation in April 2022 and recommended them to the Council as part of the budget for 2022-23.

#### Status

No call-in as yet.

#### Reason for Decision

The proposed tariffs would ensure that the Council's car parks continue to operate competitively within the wider off-street parking market in Chelmsford, to effectively manage demand and to generate sufficient income to be able to adequately maintain and re-invest in those facilities.

#### Action by

M Adewole

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#### Subject

First Homes Planning Advice Note

#### Decision

The First Homes Planning Advice Note set out at Appendix 1 to the report, as amended by the changes in Appendix 3, was approved.

#### Status

No call-in as yet.

#### Reason for Decision

The Planning Advice Note makes clear the City Council's approach to First Homes and the amendments clarify the Council's approach when a developer chooses to provide a larger discount from market value than that required by the Council; as well as the prioritisation of different types of affordable housing through developer contributions.

#### Action by

L Harris-Best

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#### Subject

Housing Additionality: Affordable Housing for Rent Planning Advice Note

#### Decision

The Housing Additionality: Affordable Housing for Rent Planning Advice Note was approved.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

The Planning Advice Note will help to increase the proportion of four-bedroom homes for rent available on new development sites to address the shortfall in delivery of this size of affordable home in the last five years; reduce the numbers of larger families with children being accommodated in temporary accommodation; and create a higher churn across all sizes of affordable accommodation in the existing affordable housing stock.

## Action by

L Harris-Best

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## Subject

Local Plan Duty to Co-operate Strategy

## Decision

The Cabinet approved the amended Duty to Co-operate Strategy.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

The Strategy confirms the Council's commitment to implementing the Duty to Co-operate for its Local Plan review; explains in broad terms who the Council will seek to co-operate with, when it will co-operate and what co-operation mechanisms it will put in place; provides a valuable guide to co-operation activity; and forms part of the evidence base supporting the Local Plan review.

## Action by

J Robinson

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## Subject

Capital, Treasury and Investment Strategies 2022-23

## Decision

The Council was recommended to approve the treasury management strategy and prudential indicators for 2022-23 and the capital and investment strategies for that year.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

To meet statutory requirements for the production of a treasury management strategy that achieves an acceptable balance between risk and return and capital and investment strategies that ensure the proper financial management of the Council's resources.

## Action by

P Reeves

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## Subject

Budget for 2022-23

## Decision

The Cabinet recommended to the Council an original budget for 2022-23, as detailed in the report to the meeting and amended by the addendum on the financing of additional energy costs.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

To meet the statutory requirement to recommend to the Council an annual budget, and to recommend a budget that is prudent whilst maintaining service standards and commitments.

## Action by

P Reeves

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## Subject

Public Open Spaces Policy

## Decision

The Cabinet approved the Public Open Spaces Policy submitted to the meeting.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

The Policy reflects the ambitions set out in Our Chelmsford Our Plan adopted by the Council on 22 January 2020 together with the 'green space' policies set out in the Chelmsford Local Plan, adopted on 27 May 2020, and the Making Places and Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Documents adopted on 26 January 2021.

## Action by

P Van Damme

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