

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 17 NOVEMBER 2020

CALL-IN BY MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2020, 5pm

Subject

Social Value Procurement Policy and Strategy

Decision

The proposed Policy and Strategy were approved.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

To adopt a policy and strategy which will add value to the Council's services, reflect modern public procurement practice and support the Council's aims and objectives.

Action by

A Chessell

Subject

Special Expenses

Decision

The Council was recommended to approve the retention of an updated Special Expenses regime for the 2021-22 budget but to request the Connectivity and Local Democracy Working Group to look at possible alternatives to the system.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

To find a less complex and fairer mechanism for allocating the cost of City Council and Parish Council services.

Action by

Z Clarke

Subject

Treasury Management Mid-Year Review

Decision

The Council was recommended to make no changes to the Treasury Management Strategy for 2020-21.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

To meet statutory requirements to monitoring and keep up to date the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Revenue Monitoring

Decision

The Cabinet noted the current and forecast positions on the revenue budget and approved the actions recommended to deal with the variations to the budget that made up the overspend.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

To help manage the overspend on the current budget.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Capital Monitoring

Decision

The Council was recommended to approve the proposed increase in the cost of capital schemes and the Asset Replacement Programme and the rephasing of spend on the latter.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

To maintain an affordable capital programme that reflects the requirements of services and the priorities of the Council.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Medium-Term Financial Strategy

Decision

The Cabinet noted the position on the updated financial forecast and recommended the Council to approve the approach to reserves set out in section 3 of the report and the amendments to the Financial Strategy set out at paragraphs 3.4 and 7.5 and reflected in Appendix 1

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The proposed amendments to the Medium-Term Financial Strategy took account of the increased risk to the Council's finances from the uncertainty over future income levels and government funding, thereby providing a sound basis for the preparation of the 2021/22 budget and underpinning the financial sustainability of the Council moving forward.

Action by

A Fahey

Subject

Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

Decision

The Council was recommended to adopt the policy submitted to the meeting without the amendment suggested by the Street Pastors.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

To meet the statutory requirement to review the policy every five years.

Action by

B Mayfield

Subject

Chelmsford Electric Scooter Trial

Decision

Proposals for a trial of the use of electric scooters in Chelmsford were supported.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The use of electric scooters in Chelmsford provided an opportunity to promote sustainable travel options, particularly for short trips and commuting, reduce traffic congestion and cut carbon emissions. It could also benefit Chelmsford while social distancing was in place on public transport during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Action by

C Stuckey

Subject

Amendments to the Constitution

Decision

The Council was recommended to approve the amendments to the Constitution set out in the report.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Constitution remains up to date and that decision-making processes are reviewed and meet current needs.

Action by

B Mayfield