

CABINET

Date and Time: Thursday, 7 February 2019 at 7pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Ambler, Bailey, Cockarill, Kinnell, Neighbour (Chairman), Oliver, Radley

Officers:

Patricia Hughes	Joint Chief Executive
Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Andrew Vallance	Head of Corporate Services
John Elson	Head of Technical and Environmental Services
Lisa Cowdery	Senior Business Partner - Capita Local Government Business Services

88 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 3 January 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

89 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

90 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that there was an intention to make an application for the second phase of the Future High Street Fund

91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

92 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

Item 94: Tracey Shrimpton from Fleet Business Improvement District stated that Fleet BID opposed the imposition of on street parking charges. However, Fleet BID would look forward to working with Hampshire County Council and with the businesses to ensure that any approach does not impact on the local economy and businesses.

Item 94: Councillor Bob Schofield from Fleet Town Council noted that the threat of new areas of on street parking enforcement remained, under either option for future delivery of traffic management agency but Fleet Town Council would object to the imposition of parking meters

Item 94: A member of the public commented that other areas beyond Fleet could be impacted by the imposition of on-street parking meters.

93 HART AND SKY OCEAN RESCUE

Cabinet considered the implementation of a joint initiative to work with Sky Ocean Rescue to eliminate single use plastic in Hart.

DECISION

- 1 That Hart enters into pilot initiative with Sky Ocean Rescue to eliminate single use plastic in Hart on the basis of the proposal set out under option 3 of the report.
- 2 That the pilot is operated on an initial 12 month trial, with its continued operation being considered as part of the 2020/21 budget process.
- 3 That funding of £25k is identified in the Council budgets for 2019/20 to fund staff time and advertising for the pilot initiative.

94 CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AGENCY UPDATE

Approval was sought to renew the agency agreements for Civil Parking Enforcement and Traffic Management.

Cabinet discussed the timescale for reaching full cost recovery, and noted that it may require a reduction in the costs associated with enforcement or require substantial increases in income.

It was further discussed that the Council would not want to enter into the agreement if HCC held any expectation that HDC would make payment to HCC in lieu of 'full cost recovery'.

It was clarified that the break clause or notice period if Hart entered into the agreement, and ultimately felt it should leave the agreement, was a period of eighteen months.

Cabinet further noted an important element in favour of the retention of the traffic management agreement would be the continuation of patrolling of parking issues associated with Hart schools, particularly in light of recent decisions to reduce bus transport to these schools. However, it was felt that this benefit would not outweigh other considerations, such as the issues associated with 'full cost recovery'.

DECISION

- 1 That new agency agreements with Hampshire County Council be entered into for Civil Parking Enforcement and Traffic Management with effect from 1 April 2020 on the basis of the terms outlined in the report.

- 2 That Hart works with Hampshire County Council with the long term aim of delivering the agency agreements for Civil Parking Enforcement and Traffic Management on a full cost recovery basis.
- 3 That the Head of Technical Services, in consultation with the Joint Chief Executive and Cabinet Member for Technical Services, be delegated authority to agree the details of the new agency agreements, subject to these being in line with terms set out in this report.

95 BUDGET 2019/2020

Cabinet was provided with a summary of the proposed revenue and capital budget proposals for 2019/2020. The report also included the statutory statement of the Head of Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer) to Council on the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves. The report had previously been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

A key issue highlighted for future years would be the potential cessation of New Homes Bonus and the potential alternatives.

Cabinet noted that there would need to be an adjustment to the proposed budget proposal to reflect the increases in fees for on street parking permits, and the decision regarding the Sky Ocean Rescue project, which would need to be captured for the report to Council.

RECOMMENDATION to Council

Subject to the draft budget 2019/2020 being adjusted to reflect potential increases in on street parking permits and to reflect the cost of the Sky Ocean Rescue project, it be recommended to Council.

- 1 That it be noted there is currently a balanced draft revenue budget for 2019/20.
- 2 That the level of Council Tax for 2019/2020 be increased by £5 (3.00%) and set at £171.84.
- 3 That the summary revenue budget for 2019/2020, as set out in Paragraph 12 of the report, be approved.
- 4 That the revised capital programme for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 as detailed in Appendix 2 be approved.
- 5 That no changes be made to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/2020.
- 6 That the Section 151 Officer's statutory report regarding the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves, detailed in paragraph 13, be noted.

96 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY– HALF YEAR REVIEW 2018/19

Cabinet considered the Council's treasury management activities and performance during the first half of the 2018/19 financial year (April-September 2018). The report had previously been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

DECISION

That the information be noted.

97 CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Members considered the Capital Strategy, and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2019/20, which incorporated the Annual Investment Strategy and Prudential and Treasury Indicators. The report had previously been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION to Council

- 1 That the Capital Strategy be approved.
- 2 That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2019/20 be approved.

98 SHARED SERVICES REVIEW AT HART

Cabinet were asked to agree a 'strategic business case' for progressing a shared service review as part of its Commercialisation Strategy as set out in July 2018 and the proposed scope of the shared service review, including key principles to help future proof the Council with regards to both the commercialisation and digital agendas. The report had previously been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee, who commented that £20k might not be sufficient to fund this.

Members suggested identifying specific services to prioritise analysis.

DECISION

That the draft request for quotation be agreed for the purposes of carrying out a strategic review of the Council's shared service.

99 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Work Programme was considered and amended. Consideration of the potential funding application to the Future High Street Fund was added as an item, date TBA.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm