

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 15 July 2014

Decision No: (CAB 14/15 13020)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND LEISURE
SUBJECT:	CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET
AUTHOR:	Andrew Lowe

THE DECISION

- (i) To add £1.3M to the Environment & Transport Capital Programme for a new scheme 'Unclassified Roads – Carriageway Resurfacing' to be funded from the following sources:-
 - (a) A grant of £233,000 awarded from the Department for Transport's Pothole Repair Fund 2014/15;
 - (b) Local Transport Plan grant for Highways Maintenance of £425,000 available from scheme under spends in 2013/14;
 - (c) Local Transport Plan grant for Integrated Transport of £295,000 available from the deletion of the 'Improved Safety 2014/15 – Engineering' project.
 - (d) Direct Revenue Financing available from the Highways Strategic Partnership Third Party Income surplus for 2013/14 (£126,000) and a one-off contribution from the On Street Car Parking Surplus Account (£221,000) following a favourable outturn position in 2013/14 mainly due to staff savings.
- (ii) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £1.3M in 2014/15 on the 'Unclassified Roads – Carriageway Resurfacing' scheme within the Environment & Transport Capital Programme to help improve the condition of the roads network.
- (iii) Notes the high level revenue forecast for the General Fund for 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 13.
- (iv) Note the Executive's proposals for savings as set out in the Appendix to this report and approve their release for consultation, where appropriate.
- (v) Note that formal consultation on the relevant proposals as set out in Appendix 1 will now commence with trades unions, affected staff and any people or organisations affected by the proposals to ensure all options have been considered.
- (vi) Note the spending pressure for Pay and Allowances as set out in paragraph 10.
- (vii) Note the spending initiative to support the Council's approach to Customer Services as set out in paragraph 12.

- (viii) Note the change to the Council's minimum revenue provision as outlined in paragraphs 27 – 30 which released £4.5M of revenue in year benefit in 2013/14 and £0.6M in future years.
- (ix) Delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Leisure to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this report.
- (x) To instruct officers to implement savings at the earliest date to secure benefits in 2014/15.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The recommendations have been put forward to ensure that savings proposals are advanced as early as possible as part of the budget process for 2015/16.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Executive could choose to only progress savings as part of the annual budget process through the November budget report leading to the setting of the Council Tax in February 2015. However, recognising the importance of seeking to effect change at the earliest opportunity, and to deliver savings in a timely fashion, the Executive are seeking to bring forward a range of savings proposals for early consultation. This should allow some of the proposals to be implemented in the current financial year and thus deliver in year savings which can contribute to the overall budget shortfall for 2015/16 onwards, and will also allow time to fully consult on other proposals which the Executive wish to implement from April 2015 onwards. Alternative options may be presented to Council at the meeting on September at which a decision on a number of the proposals will be taken after the end of the consultation process. Further options will also be brought forward as part of the November budget report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 15 July 2014

Decision Maker: The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*