

Chairman - Councillor P M M Farrington

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

F Beatty	- Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
F A Finlay	- Environment and Health Portfolio
J M Pert	- Community Portfolio
R M Smith	- Deputy Leader and Leisure Portfolio
K S Williamson	- Resources Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	- Chief Executive
Mrs T Redpath	- Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr J Dean	- Democratic Services Officer

CAB47 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 3 January 2019 were submitted and signed.

CAB48 General Fund Revenue Budget 2019-20 to 2021-22 and Capital Programme 2018-19 to 2021-22

Considered a report proposing the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2019-20 to 2021-22 and the updated Capital Programme 2018-19 to 2021-22 to the Council, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 251 of 18 January 2019.

Councillor Williamson noted the below inflation proposed increase of Council Tax required to maintain existing service levels.

Continuing, the Cabinet Member demonstrated the balanced budget as set out but exercised caution regarding uncertainty over future Government funding arrangements for local councils.

In conclusion Councillor Williamson noted the updated Capital Programme before highlighting the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendations.

RESOLVED:- that proposals of the Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:-

that the following be recommended to the Council:-

- (a) the Budget Requirement for the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2019-20 be set at £14.004 million (with indicative requirements for 2020-21 and 2021-22 of £12.458 million and £13.482 million respectively);

- (b) that the detailed portfolio budgets as set out in Appendix 2 of the report be approved;
- (c) the detailed capital programme as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved;
- (d) that the Council Tax for 2019-20 be increased by 1.9% to £156.30;
- (e) the Council's Tax Base be set at 47,491.54 (as determined by the Head of Finance);
- (f) that no changes are made to the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme;
- (g) that the premium for long term empty properties be increased to 100% from April 2019.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL ON 29 JANUARY 2019

The Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio - paid tribute to the Head of Finance and his colleagues for their efforts in preparing the budgets.

CAB49 Application for Voluntary Early Retirement - Part Confidential

Considered a report seeking approval for a request for voluntary early retirement on the grounds of the efficient exercise of the Authority's functions, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 251 of 18 January 2019.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet moved directly to voting on the recommendations.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member - Environment and Health Portfolio be approved as follows:-

- that:- (a) the request for voluntary early retirement (without enhancement) on the grounds of Efficient Exercise of the Authorities functions be approved;
- (b) the Head of Human Resources in conjunction with the Group Manager Neighbourhood Services implement the early retirement in line with the wishes of the employee and the exigencies of the service.

CHAIRMAN