

Chairman - Councillor P M M Farrington

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

Councillors:

F Beatty	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
J M Pert	Community and Health Portfolio
J K Price	Environment Portfolio
R M Smith	Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio
C V Trowbridge	Leisure Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr R Kean	-	Head of Finance
Dr T Redpath	-	Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

#### **CAB124 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2020 as published in Digest No 270 were agreed as a correct record.

#### **CAB125 General Fund Revenue Budget 2020-21 to 2023-24 and Capital Programme 2020-21 to 2023-24**

Considered a report setting out the current position of the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2020-21 to 2023-24 and the updated capital programme 2020-21 to 2023-24.

The Deputy Leader reported some improvement in the financial position of the Council, as reflected in the report. Further announcements were expected from Central Government relating to Local Government finance which would further influence the figures as set out. Councillor Smith noted the significant impact of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic on the Council's finances but was pleased to note that the Council continued to respond accordingly to Covid related matters whilst maintaining services and delivering a balanced budget.

In concluding his comments Councillor Smith highlighted the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendations.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

- That:-
- (a) the following be submitted to the Resources Scrutiny Committee for consultation:-
    - (i) the level of net spending for the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2021-22 be set at £15.749 million; with indicative net spending for 2022-23 and 2023-24 of £15.612 million and £15.420 million respectively;
    - (ii) Government grants of £2.383 million be used in 2021-22;
    - (iii) council tax be recommended to increase by 1.9% (to £162.30) for 2021-2022, with similar indicative increases for 2022-23 and 2023-24 respectively;
    - (iv) the revised capital programme as set out in appendix 3 of the report;
    - (v) the Revised Outturn Forecast for 2020-21 of £20.373 million be approved;
  - (b) it be noted that the report did not reflect the outcome of the Governments Spending Review of the 25 November 2020 and note the specific government funding for the Borough for 2021-22 would not be known until the announcement of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement (date to be confirmed).
  - (c) it be noted that although indicative figures existed for the use of Governments Grants for 2022-23 and 2023-24 they could not be accurately determined with each element of Government funding being subject to reform.

The Leader of the Council extended his thanks to the Deputy Leader and the Head of Finance and his colleagues for their efforts in this area of work.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 12 JANUARY 2021.**

**CAB126 Resources Portfolio - General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and Capital Programme 2020/2021 - 2023/2024**

Considered a report setting out the draft detailed Resources Portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Resources Portfolio Capital Programme for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024.

The Deputy Leader reported that the Council had withdrawn from its payroll arrangements with Lichfield District Council, however joint Health and Safety provision would still continue. Councillor Smith highlighted Appendix 4 of the report before referring colleagues to the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

that the detailed draft portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Capital Programme 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 be approved for submission to the Resources Scrutiny Committee for consultation.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 12 JANUARY 2021.**

**CAB127 Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Annual Investment Strategy 2021/22**

Considered a report seeking Councils approval to:-

- Prudential and Treasury indicators - setting of indicators to ensure that the capital investment plans of the Council are affordable, prudent and sustainable;
- The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy;
- Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2021/22 - to set treasury limits for 2021/22 to 2023/24 and to provide a background to the latest economic forecasts of interest rates;
- Annual Investment Strategy 2021/22 - to set out the strategy of investment of surplus funds.

The Deputy Leader noted the statutory requirement to produce the report before highlighting the content of the associated appendices. Councillor Smith then referred Cabinet colleagues to the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which Members voted on the recommendations.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

- (a) that the following be approved:-
  - (i) the Prudential and Treasury indicators;
  - (ii) the MRP Policy Statement;
  - (iii) the Treasury Management Policy;
  - (iv) the Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/22;
- (b) that indicators may change in accordance with the final recommendations from Cabinet to Council in relation to both the General Fund Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme be noted.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO A FUTURE MEETING OF THE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL ON 26 JANUARY 2021.**

**CAB128 Economic Development and Planning Portfolio General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/2021 – 2023/2024 and Capital Programme 2020/2021 – 2023/2024**

Considered a report setting out the draft detailed Economic Development and Planning Portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Economic Development and Planning Portfolio Capital Programme for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024.

The Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio be approved as follows:-

that the detailed draft portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Capital Programme 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 be approved for submission to the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee for consultation.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 17 DECEMBER 2020.**

**CAB129 Community and Health Portfolio General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/2021 – 2023/2024 and Capital Programme 2020/2021 – 2023/2024**

Considered a report setting out the draft detailed Community Portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Community Portfolio Capital Programme for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024.

The Cabinet Member, Community and Health Portfolio was pleased to note the maintenance of existing services along with ambitions to deliver exiting future plans.

Continuing Councillor Pert highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member, Community and Health Portfolio be approved as follows:-

that the detailed draft portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Capital Programme 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 be approved for submission to the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee for consultation.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 5 JANUARY 2021.**

**CAB130 Environment Portfolio – General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/2021 – 2023/2024 and Capital Programme 2020/2021 – 2023/2024**

Considered a report setting out the draft detailed Environment Portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Environment Portfolio Capital Programme for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024.

The Cabinet Member, Environment Portfolio highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member, Environment Portfolio be approved as follows:-

that the detailed draft portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Capital Programme 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 be approved for submission to the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee for consultation.

Councillor Price echoed the Leader of the Councils earlier comments by commending the efforts of the Head of Finance and his colleagues in preparing the report.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 5 JANUARY 2021.**

**CAB131 Leisure Portfolio - General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/2021 – 2023/2024 and Capital Programme 2020/2021 – 2023/2024**

Considered a report setting out the draft detailed Leisure Portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Leisure Portfolio Capital Programme for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024.

The Cabinet Member, Leisure Portfolio highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member, Leisure Portfolio be approved as follows:-

that the detailed draft portfolio revenue budget for 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 and the draft Capital Programme 2020/2021 - 2023/2024 be approved for submission to the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee for consultation.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 5 JANUARY 2021.**

CHAIR