

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET

TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 1.00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL

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Membership

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (Chair)

Councillor Suzy Horton (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Chris Attwell

Councillor Dave Ashmore

Councillor Kimberly Barrett

Councillor Ben Dowling

Councillor Jason Fazackarley

Councillor Hugh Mason

Councillor Darren Sanders

Councillor Lynne Stagg

(NB This agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting.)

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interests

3 Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 11 January 2022 (Pages 7 - 8)

A copy of the record of the previous decisions taken at Cabinet on 11 January 2022 are attached.

4 Vaccination as a condition of deployment (VCOD) for Health and Social Care workers (Pages 9 - 14)

Purpose

To advise Cabinet of the implementation of the Vaccination as a Condition of Deployment (VCOD) for Healthcare Workers legislation, effective as of 1 April 2022, and the impact on Portsmouth City Council and its staff.

5 Update on Planning Development Management and increase in capacity (Pages 15 - 26)

Purpose

1. To provide an update on the performance of the Planning Development Management service including responding to a statistical request arising from a motion at the Full Council meeting of 7th December 2021; and
2. To approve a new approach to the creation of capacity for the determination of planning applications in the Development Management team.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet

- 1. Note the report and refer any necessary information to Full Council**

for noting.

2. Approve the creation of a 'bank' of external planning staff utilising flexible contracting to support the capacity of the Development Management team
3. Approve the use of Corporate Contingency to fund a bank of external planning staff to the 31 March 2023. This is anticipated to be around £45,000.

6 Updated Nutrient Neutral Mitigation Strategy

This report will be to follow.

7 LTP East West Active Travel Corridor Phase 3 (Pages 27 - 80)

Purpose

To outline the proposed measures designed to improve the walking and cycling environment as part of the East West Active Travel Corridor.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet

1. Approve the proposed East West Active Travel (EWATC) Phase 3 walking and cycling improvements including, in order of priority:
 - I. 2-way cycleway along Winston Churchill Avenue north of carriageway
 - II. New 'Floating Bus Stop' on northern side of Winston Churchill Avenue
 - III. 2-way cycleway along Winston Churchill Avenue south of carriageway
 - IV. Upgrade of Winston Churchill Avenue pedestrian crossing to form
 - V. toucan crossing
 - VI. Middle Street pedestrian/cyclist priority at junction
 - VII. St James's Road turning head and disabled parking bay redesign
 - VIII. Wellington Street quieter route
2. Note that the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation will be requested as necessary to review and approve minor amendments to the proposed designs and timescales due to any unanticipated issues raised or changes in costs.

8 Dunsbury Park Tax Site Specific Agreement for Solent Freeport

This report will be to follow.

9 PCC Budget & Council Tax 2022/23 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2023/24 to 2025/26 (Pages 81 - 190)

The primary purpose of this report is to set the Council's overall Budget for the forthcoming year 2022/23 and the associated level of Council Tax necessary to fund that Budget.

The report makes recommendations on the level of Council spending for 2022/23 and the level of Council Tax in the context of the Council's Medium

Term Financial Strategy, with its stated aim as follows:

Overall Aim

"In year" expenditure matches "in year" income over the medium term whilst continuing the drive towards regeneration of the City, being innovative, creative and protecting the most important and valued services.

The recommended Budget for 2022/23 has been prepared on the basis of the following:

- The Council resolution of 09 February 2021 that set an overall minimum savings requirement of £1.0m
- An increase in the level of Council Tax for 2022/23 for general purposes of 1.99%
- The flexibility to increase the level of Council Tax for an "Adult Social Care Precept", within the limits set by Central Government at 1.0%, and the direct passporting of that additional funding to Adult Social Care to provide for otherwise unfunded cost pressures, including the 6.6% increase in the National Living Wage.

This report also provides a comprehensive revision of the Council's rolling 3 Year Forward Financial Forecast for the new period 2023/24 to 2025/26 (i.e. compared to the previous forecast covering 2022/23 to 2024/25, this forecast now replaces the forecast for the previous 3 year period).

The new forecast considers the future outlook for both spending and funding, and in that context, wider recommendations are made regarding the levels of reserves to be maintained and additional contributions to the Capital Programme in order to meet the Council's aspirations for the City, as well as maintaining the Council's overall financial resilience throughout this uncertain period.

In particular, this report sets out the following:

- (a) The challenging and uncertain financial climate facing the City Council in 2022/23 and beyond
- (b) A brief summary of the Medium Term Financial Strategy for achieving the necessary savings
- (c) The revised Revenue Budget and Cash Limits for the current year
- (d) The Local Government Finance Settlement for 2022/23
- (e) The Business Rate income for 2022/23 and future years
- (f) The Council Tax base and recommended Council Tax for 2022/23
- (g) The forecast Collection Fund balance as at 31 March 2022 for both Council

Tax and Business Rates

- (h) The detailed indicative savings (Appendix C) that could be made by each Portfolio /Committee in meeting its overall savings amount in order to provide the Council with the assurance necessary to approve the recommended savings amount for each Portfolio / Committee
- (i) The proposed Revenue Budget and Cash Limits for 2022/23
- (j) The forecast Revenue Budgets for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26
- (k) Estimated General Reserves over the period 2021/22 to 2025/26
- (l) The Medium Term Resource Strategy (MTRS) Reserve, its financial position and proposed use to achieve cashable efficiencies
- (m) The proposed Capital Programme and "new starts" (including the Housing Investment Capital Programme) for 2022/23 and future years in accordance with the Capital Strategy
- (n) The statement of the S.151 Officer on the robustness of the budget in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003.

Decision:

RECOMMENDED to Council that the recommendations set out in section 3 of the report be approved.

10 Oversight and decision making for council companies (Pages 191 - 196)

Purpose

To facilitate the replacement of the Cabinet sub-committee with an alternative executive procedure for discharging its functions by the full Cabinet, in accordance with the recommendation of the sub-committee on 15 December 2021.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet agree

1. **If members wish to change the procedure for discharging the council's responsibilities as the sole shareholder of council companies, it must:**
 - i. **Abolish the constituted shareholder committee reverting the discharge of PCC company shareholder functions (executive functions) to full Cabinet;**
 - ii. **Agree that distinct and separate shareholder delegation(s) be provided for each PCC company to be agreed in each separate company paper going forward.**