

Meeting of the Cabinet – 17th December, 2020

Notice of Decisions

Notice is given that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 17th December, 2020, made the following decision in respect of the item listed.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
Medium Term Financial Strategy	<p>(1) That the actions of the External Auditors, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report submitted, be noted;</p> <p>(2) That the forecast variances to budget in 2020/21 and progress with the delivery of savings, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report and Appendices B and C, be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the various issues and risks to be taken into account in finalising the budget proposals for 2021/22 and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, be noted.</p> <p>(4) That the preliminary financial strategy, as outlined in the report, be approved as a basis for scrutiny and consultation.</p>
Review of Housing Finance	<p>(1) That the latest Housing Revenue Account budget forecast for 2020/21 and the revised Public Sector Housing capital programme for 2020/21, as set out in paragraphs 6 to 10 of the report and Appendices 1 and 2, be noted;</p> <p>(2) That the other proposals as outlined in paragraph 2 of the report be approved as a basis for scrutiny.</p>
Infrastructure Funding Statement 2019/2020	<p>(1) That the Infrastructure Funding Statement 2019/20 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That 10% of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Capital and Revenue Infrastructure Funding (currently 80% of total CIL receipts) be reserved for large strategic projects.</p> <p>(3) That the revised methodology for allocating CIL funds, as set out in the Infrastructure Funding Statement, be approved.</p>

Alterations to
Designations of Nature
Conservation Sites

- (1) That approval be given to no change of existing Sites of Local Importance for Nature Conservation (SLINC) designations and Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation at:-
 - Watery Lane SLINC and SINC (Wordsley); and;
 - Coopers Wood and Lyeclose Meadow SINC (Land South of Manor Way).
- (2) That designations of new SLINCs be approved at:-
 - Roundhill, Holbeache Land SLINC (Kingswinford);
 - Ashwood Haye Fields SLINC (Kingswinford);
 - Racecourse Lane SLINC (Norton);
 - Manor Abbey Farm SLINC; formed from the Brickyard and Manor Abbey Hedgerows (Land south of Manor Way (Halesowen));
 - Raddens Pastures SLINC; covering Raddens Pastures (Land South of Manor Way (Halesowen));
 - Lyeclose Farm SLINC; covering Lyeclose Farm (Land South of Manor Way (Halesowen)); and;
 - Illey Hall Farm SLINC; covering Illey Hall Farm (Land South of Manor Way (Halesowen)).
- (3) That the designations of a new SINC be approved at:-
 - St Mary's Abbey Remains SINC; covering St Mary's Abbey Remains and Manor Way Tip.
- (4) That the amalgamation of the Tributary of Illey Brook SINC, Lyeclose Lane Wood SINC, Illey Hall Farm SLINC and Illey Brook SLINC into a single designated site, Kitwell Brook Valley SINC (Land South of Manor Way (Halesowen), together with an extension to the SINC Boundary around the existing Tributary of Illey Brook SINC, be approved.
- (5) That proposals for revised Sites of Local Importance for Nature Conservation (SLINC) and Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) boundary designations be approved at:-
 - Brick Kiln Lane SINC (Gornal); and;
 - Conference Wood and Gornal Sewage Works SLINC (Gornal).
- (6) That approval be given to a boundary adjustment to an existing SLINC and the inclusion of several hedgerows within the SLINC Designations:-
 - Caslon Wood SLINC (Cradley and Wollescote).

- (7) That changes to the site designations to be included in the Black Country Draft Plan which is due to be submitted to Cabinet in July 2021, be authorised.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
Neighbourhood Funding
- (1) That the equal split of the CIL Neighbourhood Funding account between each Community Forum at the end of each financial year (based on the number of Wards in each Community Forum) and the amended procedure for how CIL Neighbourhood Funding will be applied for and allocated, be approved.
- (2) That the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise (subject to no Ward member objections) or Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise (with Ward member objections) be authorised for CIL Neighbourhood Funding spend.
- Towns Fund – Update on Progress
- (1) That approval be given to the Council entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Dudley College to cover the initial bid period and to set out the broad principles of what will be required from partners in the event that the bid is successful.
- (2) That should the bid be successful the Council's next steps be noted as follows:-
1. Using its Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers to acquire, either by negotiation or compulsion, all the necessary plots of land and legal interests, subject to all of the necessary tests being met and the costs of both the CPO itself and the acquisition monies being fully funded and drawn down from the bid monies.
 2. Obtaining valuations of all of the land currently owned by the Council and ensuring that Section 123 Local Government Act 1972 being met in respect of the proposed disposal.
 3. Alternatively, in respect of 2 above that the Council will consider the General Disposal Consent being met to provide that any undervalue contributes to the achievement of the promotion or improvement of economic well being, promotion or improvement of social well being or the promotion or improvement of environmental well being for the whole or any part of its area or of all or any persons resident in the area and the value of the undervalue is £2,000,000 or less.
 4. That all the necessary land and property assembly and disposal transactions are negotiated and agreed by the Council. The options for the disposal of the substantive site are either a freehold land disposal or a long term lease being granted. When all parties reach an

agreement on the best 126 way forward, the Council enters into all the necessary agreements/legal documentation to facilitate the delivery of the scheme within the successful bid.

- (3) That the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise be authorised to submit the Stage 1 Towns Fund Bid and accompanying Town Investment Programme, once endorsed by the Towns Fund Board at the January 2021 meeting.

Extra Care Provision/
Development in Dudley

That, subject to the necessary approval by Full Council

- (1) That the entering into a long-term lease arrangement on the basis the financial and legal obligations are offset by way of an underlease to a reputable housing association be approved and included in the project in the Capital Programme.
- (2) That the Director of Adult Social Care, following consultation with the Director of Finance and Legal, the Director of Housing and Community Services and the relevant Cabinet Members be authorised to implement the programme of work needed to ensure successful delivery.
- (3) That the Director of Adult Social Care be authorised to identify a preferred Housing Association and Care Provider through current frameworks available to the Council in line with Procurement Regulations and negotiate leases.

Details of the above item are set out in the report considered at the Cabinet meeting.

The public report may be obtained from Democratic Services (contact 01384 815238) or e-mail democratic.services@dudley.gov.uk or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website (www.dudley.gov.uk)

Except where matters have been referred to the Full Council, the decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days from 18th December, 2020 unless a Scrutiny Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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