

## Meeting of the Cabinet – 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019

### Notice of Decisions

**Notice is given** that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, made the following decisions in respect of the items listed.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
Annual Audit Letter 2018/19	That the report and the views of the External Auditor on matters in relation to the Annual Audit Letter 2018/19 be noted.
Medium Term Financial Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the actions of the External Auditors be noted.</li> <li>(2) That the forecast variances to budget in 2019/20 and progress with the delivery of savings be noted.</li> <li>(3) That the various issues and risks to be taken into account in finalising the budget proposals for 2020/21, and the Medium Term Financial Strategy, be noted.</li> <li>(4) That the preliminary financial strategy be approved as a basis for scrutiny and consultation.</li> </ol>
Review of Senior Management Structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the post of Strategic Director People be deleted from the establishment.</li> <li>(2) That the post of Chief Officer Transformation and Performance be deleted from the establishment.</li> <li>(3) That an interim Assistant Director for Special Education Needs be established in the structure.</li> <li>(4) That all Chief Officer posts be re-designated as Directors.</li> <li>(5) That the Strategic Director Place/Deputy Chief Executive be re-designated as the Deputy Chief Executive.</li> <li>(6) That the Chief Executive be authorised to take any necessary and consequential actions to finalise the structure and reporting lines.</li> </ol>

Capital Programme  
Monitoring

That the Council be recommended:

- (1) That current progress with the overall 2019/20 programme and most significant capital schemes be noted.
- (2) That, subject to consideration by the Place Scrutiny Committee, the acquisition of land at Saltwells Nature Reserve be agreed.
- (3) That the demolition of Woodside Library and Fire Station be included in the Capital Programme and the ordinary demolition up to £250,000 be funded by the Council.

Council Tax Reduction  
Scheme

That the proposals set out in paragraph 10 of the report be approved as a basis for consultation.

Review of Housing  
Finance

- (1) That the latest Housing Revenue Account budget forecast for 2019/20 and the revised Public Sector Housing capital programme for 2019/20 be noted.
- (2) That the other proposals outlined in the report be approved as a basis for scrutiny.

Housing Asset  
Management Strategy  
2019 to 2029

That the Housing Asset Management Strategy 2019 to 2029 be approved.

Housing Allocation Policy

- (1) That a formal review of the Council's Housing Allocation Policy be undertaken.
- (2) That a Member/Officer Working Group be established to review the operation and outcomes of the current Allocation Policy and develop recommendations.
- (3) That the Working Group comprise Councillors S Ali, J Cowell, M Evans, S Greenaway, P Miller, G Partridge, E Taylor and D Vickers together with Officers as referred to in the terms of reference.
- (4) That recommendations developed by the Working Group be subject to statutory and wider consultation, and consideration by the Place Scrutiny Committee, prior to submission to the Cabinet for approval.

Dudley Local  
Development Scheme  
2019 and Dudley Local  
Plan Update

That the Council be recommended:

- (1) To approve the revisions to the Local Development Scheme.
- (2) That subject to the above, the Strategic Director Place be authorised, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise, to make any minor changes to the Local Development Scheme that may be required prior to making it available to the public.
- (3) That the update to the Local Plan Process be noted.

Update on the Dudley  
Multi-Specialty  
Community Provider  
(MCP)

- (1) That progress with the development of the MCP be noted.
- (2) That the process to integrate Dudley Council commissioned public health services be noted.
- (3) That the risks associated with the delay of the MCP and the mitigating actions be noted.
- (4) That consideration be given to the variation of existing contracts in order to allow further work with providers and stakeholders to implement the new integrated models for adults and children.

Annual Review of the  
Constitution

The Council be recommended:

- (1) That the updated Council Procedure Rules be approved.
- (2) That the Member Officer Charter be incorporated in the Constitution to replace the former Protocol on Member/Officer Relations.
- (3) That Article 12 of the Constitution be amended to include reference to the role of the Deputy Chief Executive, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, the Deputy Chief Finance (Section 151) Officer and the Statutory Scrutiny Officer.
- (4) That the Petition Scheme be updated to ensure consistency with the Council Procedure Rules.
- (5) That the updated Development Control Committee delegations be approved and the Lead for Law and Governance be authorised to make any necessary or consequential changes to the Code of Practice for Members and Officers dealing with Planning Matters.

Details of the above items are set out in the reports considered at the Cabinet meeting.

The public reports may be obtained from Democratic Services (contact 01384 815238) or e-mail [democratic.services@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@dudley.gov.uk) or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website ([www.dudley.gov.uk](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019 unless a Scrutiny Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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