

## CABINET

### RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

#### 4TH MARCH 2015

#### 1. FINANCE MONITORING REPORT – QUARTER 3 2014/15

The Cabinet has considered a report on the financial position for revenue and capital for the period April to December 2014.

It is RECOMMENDED:

That the Capital Programme for 2015/16 be increased by £40,000 in respect of S106 monies (from land off Regent Road, The Oakalls) and that this be utilised to improve the quality of parks and open spaces in and around The Oakalls.

*The Portfolio Holder Councillor G. N. Denaro will be reporting further on this item which was deferred at the Council Meeting on 17th June 2015.*

#### 1ST JULY 2015

#### 1. WORCESTERSHIRE SHARED SERVICES – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND WORCESTERSHIRE SHARED SERVICES

The Cabinet has considered a report and recommendations from the Worcestershire Regulatory Services Joint Committee in respect of changes to the WRS Partnership Agreement.

It is RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the current Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership be dissolved by mutual agreement on 31st March 2016;
- (b) that a new Worcestershire Shared Services partnership comprising the six District Councils be created on 1st April 2016 in accordance with the terms set out in appendix 2 to the report (as amended); and that the composition of partner authority Member representatives on the Joint Committee be reviewed after a period of one year;
- (c) that the new Worcestershire Shared Services partnership enters into a service level agreement with Worcestershire County Council for the provision of Trading Standards services in accordance with terms to be agreed by the Acting Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services;
- (d) that all existing contracts and service level agreements between the existing Worcestershire Shared Services partnership and other Local Authorities be novated to the new Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership;

- (e) that the new management structure for Worcestershire Regulatory Services set out in appendix 4 be approved for consultation with staff and recognised trade unions;
- (f) that authority be delegated to the Acting head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services, having consulted with the Chair of the Joint Committee to finalise the future management structure and undertake recruitment in accordance with the terms set out in the Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership Agreement;
- (g) that an Appointment Sub Committee be established comprising 3 Members of the Joint Committee; an Executive Member from the Host Authority and the Chairman and Vice Chairman supported by officers as detailed in the legal obligations contained within the report;
- (h) that the Councils functions in relation to Environmental Health and Licensing (other than those Licensing functions which cannot be delegated) be delegated to the new Joint Committee in place from 1st April 2016 in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 20 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) (regulations) 2000 as amended.

2. **RISK BASED VERIFICATION FOR HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT**

The Cabinet has considered a report in respect of the introduction of a new Risk Based Verification Policy for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claims.

It is RECOMMENDED:

that the Risk Based Verification Policy in respect of Housing Benefit and Local Council Tax Support as set out in appendix 1 to the report be approved.

3. **FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2014/2015**

The Cabinet has considered a report on the Council's financial position on Revenue and Capital for the Financial year of 2014/2015.

It is RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the movements of £237k in existing reserves as included in appendix 1 to the report which reflects the approval required for April-March 2015 be approved; and
- (b) that approval of the addition of new reserves of £600k as included in appendix 1 to the report which reflects the approval required for April- March 2015 be approved.