

CABINET

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

4TH NOVEMBER 2015

1. BLEAKHOUSE FARM USE OF SECTION 106 FUNDING

The Cabinet has considered a report on the proposed use of Section 106 funding of £134k arising from the Bleak House farm together with the resulting required amendment to the Council's Capital Programme 2015/16

It is RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the Council's Capital Programme 2015/16 be increased by £134,000 to fund the fit out of the of new Health and Fitness facilities at Woodrush High School Academy to be funded by the Section 106 payments applicable to the Bleak House farm site.;
- (b) that the Section 106 funds be released to the school only when they are received from the developer;
- (c) that authority be delegated to the Head of Leisure and Cultural Services to enter into a suitable legal arrangement and contract management process to protect the Council's funding in this matter;
- (d) that the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Service be authorised to prepare and complete the necessary documentation in respect of the agreements referred to in (c) above.

2. BROMSGROVE CENTRES MANAGEMENT

The Cabinet has considered a report on the proposed new arrangements for the management of Bromsgrove centres including the appointment of a Town Centres Manager.

It is RECOMMENDED:

that the funding of an unavoidable budget pressure in respect of a new Town Centre Management function be approved for inclusion in the Medium Term Financial Plan assumptions as follows:

2016/17 - £16,000

2017/18 - £41,000

2018/19 - £43,000

3. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2016/17 – 2018/19 - BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

The Cabinet has considered a report on the budget assumptions to be used in preparing the detailed 2016/17 budget and the provisional budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

It is RECOMMENDED

that the revenue budget assumptions as set out in section 3.7 of the report be approved with the exception of the paragraph in relation to Fees and Charges with the amended assumption to be as follows:

“That it be assumed that the existing schedule of Fees and Charges for Council services will not be increased for 2016/17, with the exception of increases to any Statutory Charges, or any instances where the responsible Heads of Service demonstrates particular circumstances to justify an increase. In such cases the increase would need to be approved by Council. “