

CABINET

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

2ND NOVEMBER 2016

1. WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES BOARD – ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Cabinet has considered the recommendation from the WRS Board meeting held on 6th October 2016 (Minute 15/16 of that meeting) regarding a review of the WRS Enforcement Policy.

It is RECOMMENDED

that subject to the minor amendment detailed in Minute 15/16, the Worcestershire Regulatory Services Enforcement Policy be adopted.

2. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017/2018 – 2020/2021 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

The Cabinet has considered a report on budget assumptions to be used in the preparation of the detailed 2017/2018 budget and the provisional budgets for 2018/2019.

It is RECOMMENDED

That the revenue assumptions as detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the Cabinet report be incorporated into the budget setting process.

3. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2017/2018

The Cabinet has considered a report on the final Council Tax Support Scheme (CTSS) to be implemented for 2017/2018.

It is RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the Council Tax Support Scheme be implemented as amended, namely :
 - (i) that the backdating of Council Tax support be reduced in line with the changes in Housing Benefit announced by Central Government;
 - (ii) that claims be processed based on information provided by the Department of Work and Pensions without the need for further information;
 - (iii) the removal of the Family Premium on claims made from 1st April 2017 to bring Bromsgrove District Council's Council Tax Support Scheme in line with the changes in Housing Benefit announced by Central Government;

- (b) that future “uprating” of some of the figures be approved to take account of other national changes in benefits and allowances;
- (c) that authority be delegated to the Head of Customer Access and Financial Support to carry out statutory consultation on future draft CTSS in accordance with the legislative guidelines, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder; and
- (d) that the continuation of the Hardship Scheme be approved.

4. THE COUNCIL PLAN

The Cabinet has considered the proposed Council Plan which included actions to address the Strategic Purposes developed through the Transformation Programme. There had been an amendment to wording in relation to average wages for people working in Bromsgrove.

It is RECOMMENDED

That the Council Plan as amended be approved.

5. ICT INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCE

The Cabinet has considered a further report on how on going difficulties in recruiting to the team dealing with ICT infrastructure could be addressed.

It is RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that authority be delegated to the Head of Transformation and organisational Development to undertake a tendering process to identify a potential supplier to undertake the ICT infrastructure functions; and
- (b) that a decision on any proposed contract be subject to a further report to Cabinet containing details of the proposals and their impact on the service and budget.

6. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT SHARED SERVICES BUSINESS CASE

(Please note that the report, Business Case and Shared Service Board notes which were previously confidential, are now open to the public as members of staff have now been briefed on them)

The Cabinet has considered a report on the Business case for a Shared Development Management service between Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council. The report and proposals had been considered by the Shared Services Board on 27th October 2016.

It is RECOMMENDED

That the Business Case for the Development Management Shared Service be approved.