

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

On 23rd January 2019

Cabinet meeting 16th January 2019

1. Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2022/23

Cabinet considered a report in respect of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2022/23.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- a) that the pay model as detailed at Appendix 5i of the report, be adopted and implemented with effect from 1st April 2019; and**
- b) that a formal consultation be commenced with the Trade Unions, with a view to reaching a Collective Agreement to implement the pay model in line with the revised National Pay spines.**

2. Fees and Charges

Cabinet considered a report in respect of the Fees and Charges for 2019/20.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- a) that Council approve all fees and charges that are included within Appendix 1 of the report;**
- b) that Council approve the recommendations from the Finance and Budget Working Group; and**
- c) that additional information on Hire Products be included within future fees and charges report.**

3. Capital Strategy 2019/20 incorporating Treasury Management Strategy and half year Treasury update

Cabinet considered a new report for 2019/20 required by changes in CIPFA and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Guidance.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- a) that the Capital Strategy as an appropriate overarching strategy for the Council and the flexible use of capital receipts, as detailed at Appendix E of the report, be approved; and**
- b) that the Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/2020 and the associated limits, MRP policy and treasury management policy, as detailed at Appendices C and D and the specific indicators, included in the report, be approved by 31st March 2019.**

Finance and Budget Working Group

Fees and Charges – Meeting 10th January 2019

The Finance and Budget Working Group met with the Heads of Service and relevant Portfolio Holders and discussed in detail the fees and charges for 2019/20. The Working Group put forward a number of recommendations which they would like Cabinet to consider in more detail, these were:

New and Existing Properties

Street naming and numbering – it was noted that the charge for this service should not exceed the cost of providing it to include any share of overhead cost

Recommended:

Officers look at the cost of providing this service and what a reasonable charge would be for it, with a view to doubling this charge if possible.

Private Sector Housing

Strategic Housing – Members discussed the charges at length and proposed that no increase would be made and a comment be made to ensure residents were aware of the financial support that can be made to provide funding for those in crisis.

Housing Fitness Inspections – It was noted that this was a one off payments every three years.

Recommended:

This be increased to £150 per inspection.

Environmental Services

Cemetery charges – particularly in respect of child burials.

It was suggested that the words free of charge be replaced with “no charge”.

Mechanically Sweep Private Road/Car Park – Mini Sweeper per hour

Recommended:

That a charge for travel time be included, in addition to the use of the sweeper and that this be included in the charge

Medium Term Financial Plan

Members also considered the Medium Term Financial Plan and discussed a number of areas including Bids, Savings and the Capital Programme. The following recommendation was made:

Recommended:

An ambition to make clear identified savings in the coming years.