CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

On 24th July 2019

Cabinet meeting 10th July

Active Kitchen Report

Members considered a report in respect of the Active Kitchen project, which had been raised as a notice of motion at a previous Council meeting.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- (a) Council approve that Officers continue to pilot the Active Kitchen service in Sidemoor, Charford, Catshill, Rubbery and Drakes Cross in 11 weeks of the school holidays and that approval be given for an estimated £34,000 to be drawn down from balances 2019/20 to find the service's operational delivery, marketing, research and development; and
- (b) Council approve that Officers return to Cabinet in July 2020 to review the pilot and recommend the next steps for the project.

BDC Low Emissions Strategy

Members considered a report in respect of the BDC Low Emissions Strategy.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

(a) the ULEV strategy and associated Action Plan attached at Appendix 1 be adopted;

ULEV Taxi Infrastructure funding

- (b) the Head of Environmental Services and Head of Community Services have delegated power to act following consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to administer the (OLEV) Ultra-Low Emission Taxi Infrastructure Scheme funding including site selection;
- (c) an increase be approved to the Capital Programme 2019/20 of £300k for the (OLEV) Ultra-Low Emission Taxi Infrastructure Scheme Funding;
- (d) the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Ultra-Low Emission Taxi Infrastructure Scheme funding be used in procuring the installation of a dedicated electric taxi charging network which supports Bromsgrove Taxi drivers and operators in:
 - Transitioning to electric vehicles
 - Their ability to travel into Birmingham's Clean Air Zone

And

(e) the Head of Environmental Services and Head of Community Services have delegated power to act following consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to apply for, accept, and administer (including in partnership with other local authorities) future funding in line with this strategy.

Finance Monitoring Outturn 2018/19

Members considered a report in respect of the Finance Monitoring Outturn 2018/19 and made the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- (a) the approval of a transfer to balances of £186k is actioned as a result of revenue outturn savings 2018/19;
- (b) the approval of the movement of £60k in existing reserves as included in Appendix 1;
- (c) the approval of the addition of new reserves of £2,777k as included in Appendix 1;
- (d) d) to approve the carry forward to the 2019/20 capital programme of £4,984k as detailed in Appendix 3;
- (e) the approval of an increase in the 2019/20 Capital Programme of £163k for Disabled Facilities Grants. This is due to the budget allocations having now been announced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). This will increase the available budget to £913k;
- (f) the approval of an increase to the capital programme 2019/20 of £44k s106 monies for re-landscaping the recreation ground, Bromsgrove;
- (g) the approval of an increase to the Capital programme 2019/20 of £41k for a Bromsgrove combined Footpath and Cycle Way Network funded from a grant from Worcestershire County Council. (£390k already approved at quarter 3); and
- (h) the approval of an increase to the Revenue budget 2019/20 of £7k due to grant being received from Communities and Local Government towards High Street clean up and future community environmental enhancements and approval for BARN to administer the grant and any future monies received which have similar requirements to this grant, as per paragraph 3.4.

Statement of Accounts Delegation

Members considered a report which proposed that the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee should be delegated with the authority to approve the accounts on behalf of the Council.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

that the consideration and approval of the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts, be delegated to the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee.