

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

On 16th September 2020

Cabinet meeting 6th August 2020

Partnership Waste Strategy Officer

The Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services presented a report which set out proposals for Bromsgrove District Council to fund a joint Partnership Waste Strategy Officer for Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Cabinet was informed that all Councils in Herefordshire and Worcestershire had worked in partnership in recent years to ensure that there was a consistent approach to waste collection services in the area. All of the Councils in the two counties had been approached about the potential to establish and fund this joint officer post.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that

- (1) Bromsgrove District Council agree to the establishment of a Joint Waste Strategy Officer to work on behalf of the partnership of all 8 Local Authorities in Herefordshire and Worcestershire;**
- (2) Bromsgrove District Council allocate £8,000 per annum from existing funds for a fixed term of three years; and**
- (3) Bromsgrove District Council will consider requests for additional funding to support further work which has been identified and proposed via the partnership Senior Waste Officer Group.**

Finance Outturn 2019/20 and Reserves

The Cabinet considered the Finance Outturn 2019/20 and Reserves report which was presented by the Executive Director, Finance and Resources and who responded to a variety of questions from Members.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that

- (2) *Amended as per the attached explanatory note***
- (3) The addition of new reserves of £1,411k be approved;**
- (4) The carry forward to the 2020/21 capital programme of £8,600k be approved;**
- (5) An increase in the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £163k for Disabled Facilities Grants be approved. 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;**
- (6) An increase in the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £119k for additional funds towards the already approved capital project for Environmental services new IT system, to be funded from borrowing, be approved;**

- (7) Approval of the funding from balances of the overspend from the demolition of the Dolphin Centre of £217k;
- (8) An increase in the 2020/21 Capital programme 2019/20 of £100k due to match funding being received for a ULEV Taxi infrastructure scheme in Bromsgrove be approved;
- (9) An increase to the revenue budget for 2020/21, due to receiving £40k SEP Grant (Strategic Economic Plan), be approved;
- (10) An increase to the Capital programme 2020/21 of £13k s106 monies for the Bromsgrove Town Centre be approved;
- (11) An increase to the Capital programme 2020/21 of £150k ringfenced capital receipts for a grant to be provided to BDHT for the provision on new affordable homes be approved.

Amenity Standards Report

The Housing Strategy Manager presented a report focusing on amenity standards for properties in the private rented sector, particularly Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs).

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that power be delegated to the Head of Community and Housing Services to approve the adoption of the Amenity Standards documents.

Replacement of the Burcot Hostel

The Housing Strategy Manager presented a report in respect of the replacement of Burcot Hostel with alternative homelessness provision. At previous meetings of Cabinet, Members had agreed that the site could be disposed of and that Officers could investigate alternative options.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that

- (1) the creation of a £35k capital budget for the scheme for the 2020/21 capital programme funded from balances be approved;
- (2) the creation of a new net revenue budget of £41k, to be funded from balances in 2020/2021, and an ongoing unavoidable revenue pressure for future years to be considered as part of the review of the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved; and
- (3) the creation of a bad debt provision of £5k per annum for potential non-payment of Council Tax liabilities, to be funded from balances in 2020/21 and as an unavoidable pressure from 2021/22 onwards be approved.