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Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE MEETING MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2021 – DECISION NOTICE

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your attention, a copy of the Decision Notice of the Executive held on Monday, 25 January 2021.

Set out below is the procedure for calling in decisions of the Executive. **Only Key Decisions may be called in.** Request forms to call in a decision of the Executive may be obtained from the Governance Team.

Deadline date for calling in Key Decisions contained in the Decision Notice:

Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Number of Members required to call in an item:

Three Scrutiny Members

Method by which items may be called in:

- By completion of the form available from the Governance Team

Recording of called in items:

The Governance Manager shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a log of called in items. In practice this log will be kept by the Governance Officers who are themselves authorised to accept notifications from Members.

A log shall be maintained in chronological order according to when requests are received. This log will be open for inspection by any Member of the Council, upon request.

Yours sincerely,



Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer

**DECISION NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2021**

NON KEY DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
5	Ambition Performance Framework Update - (Q2 - 2020/21)	<p>RESOLVED – That progress and outturns against the Council Ambition 2020-2024 targets be noted.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: This was an information report to keep Members informed of the progress against the Council Ambition targets, noting achievements and any areas of concern.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Not application to this report as it provided an overview of performance against agreed targets.</p>
6	Architects for remaining Safe and Warm Upgrades	<p>RESOLVED – That Executive:</p> <p>(1) Agree to award the Contract for Architectural Services, within the Framework, to Halsall Lloyd Partnership</p> <p>(2) Agree that progress on this contract be reported through the Housing Stock group as part of Safe & Warm Projects.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To award a contract for Architectural Services for the Safe & Warm upgrade works to Jubilee Court and Valley View.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: A full competitive tender could have been carried out by the Council. This was rejected because as explained within the report, the Procure Partnerships Framework attracts a broader range of consultants.</p>

KEY DECISIONS

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7	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22- 2024/25</p>	<p>RESOLVED – <i>That the following recommendations be referred to Council:</i></p> <p>(1) <i>That in the view of the Chief Financial Officer, that the estimates included in the Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/2 to 2024/25 are robust and that the level of financial reserves whilst at minimum levels are adequate, be accepted.</i></p> <p>(2) <i>That officers report back to Executive and to the Budget Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the overall position in respect of the Council’s budgets. These reports to include updates on achieving savings and efficiencies for 2021/22 and future years.</i></p> <p><u>GENERAL FUND</u></p> <p>(3) <i>A Council Tax increase of £4.99 is levied in respect of a notional Band D property (2.75%).</i></p> <p>(4) <i>The Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 of this report be approved as the Revised Budget 2020/21, as the Original Budget in respect of 2021/22, and the financial projection in respect of 2022/23 to 2024/25.</i></p> <p>(5) <i>That any further under spend in respect of 2020/21 is transferred to the Council’s General Fund Reserves.</i></p> <p>(6) <i>On the basis that income from Planning Fees may exceed £0.500m in 2020/21, the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Leader be granted delegated powers to authorise such additional resources as are necessary to effectively manage the resultant increase in workload.</i></p> <p><u>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT</u></p> <p>(7) <i>That Council sets its rent levels in line</i></p>

with government policy, increasing rent levels by CPI (.5%) plus 1% to apply from 1 April 2021.

(8) That the increases in respect of other charges as outlined in Appendix 3 Table 1 be implemented with effect from 1 April 2021.

(9) The Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the Housing Revenue Account as set out in Appendix 3 of this report be approved as the Revised Budget in respect of 2020/21, and the financial projection in respect of 2022/23 to 2024/25.

(10) That under spends in respect of 2020/21 to 2024/25 are transferred to the HRA Revenue Reserve.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

(11) That the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 be approved as the Revised Budget in respect of 2020/21, and as the Approved Programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25.

(12) That the Head of Property Services and Housing Repairs be granted delegated powers in consultation with the Portfolio Member and the Asset Management Group to approve the utilisation of the £260,000 of AMP Refurbishment Work allocation, with such approvals to be reported back to Executive through the Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To make recommendations on setting the budget in respect of the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and the Capital Programme.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Alternative options were considered throughout the process of the preparation of the budget and were outlined in the report.

Only Key Decisions may be called in. All other decisions will be actioned immediately with the exception of those referred to Council (shown in italics).