

**BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL CABINET  
10 February 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor John Beesley - Leader of the Council, Chair and Resources; Councillor Nicola Greene, Deputy Leader of the Council, Education and Children's Services and Vice-Chair, Councillor Anne Filer - Corporate Efficiency; Councillor Michael Filer - Cleansing and Waste; Councillor Mike Greene - Transport, Sustainability and Carbon Management; Councillor Jane Kelly - Regeneration and Public Health; Councillor Robert Lawton - Housing; Councillor David Smith - Planning and Environment; Councillor Lawrence Williams - Tourism, Leisure and the Arts.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors Stephen Bartlett, Simon Bull, David d'Orton-Gibson, Donald McQueen and Laurence Fear.

The meeting started at 10.35 am and finished at 11.40 am.

**The publication date for this Record of Decisions is 12 February 2016.**

**Under Rule 21 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the deadline for Councillors to 'call-in' decisions decided under 'delegated powers' will expire on 19 February 2016. Decisions will not be carried out until after that date.**

**Note: To see a copy of the public reports that were considered by the Cabinet at this meeting please visit:**

**<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/CouncilDemocratic/CouncilMeetings/CommitteeMeetings/Cabinet/2016/02/10/cabinet10-feb-2016.aspx>**

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Item 4  Report 4	10	Public  Report to full Council  Call-In to apply: No	Capital Strategy & Corporate Asset Management Plan 2016-2019  Portfolio: Leader of the Council and Resources	<p>Recommended to Full Council:</p> <p>a. That the Capital Strategy &amp; Corporate Asset Management Plan 2016-2019 is adopted.</p> <p>b. That the Service Director, Housing, Parks and Bereavement Services is granted delegated authority in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources, the Portfolio Holder for Housing, the Section 151 Officer and the Corporate Property Officer to utilise the £11.7m provision to purchase properties for the delivery of the housing investment programme.</p> <p>c. That the Corporate Property Officer is granted delegated authority to agree the terms of lettings of these properties to the housing and property holding company.</p> <p>Note: The Leader of the Council paid tribute to Martin Wilkins, Policy and Support Manager (Property) for his work in developing the Strategy and</p>	See report for reasons.	See report for any alternative options considered.	See paragraph within the report.	

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				Asset Management Plan.				
Item 5 Report 5	11	Public  Report to full Council  Call-In to apply: No	Housing Revenue Account Budget, Rent Setting and Capital Programme 2016/17  Portfolio: Leader of the Council and Resources in consultation with Housing	Recommended to Full Council:  a. That the financial strategy of the Housing Revenue Account be agreed as follows:  i. To focus resources on meeting the cost of servicing the HRA outstanding debt;  ii. To ensure that the new government policies are funded and implemented;  iii. To ensure that the stock is adequately managed and maintained; and  iv. To direct any surplus that might be available towards the New Build/Acquisition programme.  b. The proposed HRA budget for 2016/17, as set out in this report and appendices, including the implementation of a 1% rent reduction in 2016/17 in line with new government policy and the setting up of an additional	See report for reasons.	See report for any alternative options considered.	See paragraph within the report.	

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				<p>earmarked reserve in relation to the emerging 'Vacant High Value Local Authority Housing' policy.</p> <p>c. A 5% increase in tenant and non-tenant garage rents and an increase in leaseholder garage rents from £11.00 to £11.55 per week. (See Appendix B of the report).</p> <p>d. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Housing, Parks and Bereavement Services, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holders, for any subsequent changes to the proposed HRA Budget and Business Plan on the assumption that a balanced budget position will be maintained. Changes may include further increases to garage rents, changes to services charges, reductions in housing management and maintenance services and changes to funding available for New Build/Acquisition activity.</p> <p>e. That having been supported by</p>				

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				<p>the Cabinet following the publication of a supplementary report, a one year exemption from the rent reduction policy on all supported housing properties as per the Government's definition.</p> <p>Note: The Leader of the Council paid tribute to Gary Josey, Service Director - Housing and his team for their work in developing the Housing Revenue Account Budget, Rent Setting and Capital Programme.</p>				
<p>Item 6 Report 6</p>	<p>12  See also Clause 15 below</p>	<p>Public  Report to full Council  Call-In to apply: No</p>	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2016/17 - 2018/19 &amp; the Budget 2016/17  Portfolio: Leader of the Council and Resources</p>	<p>Recommended to Full Council:</p> <p>a. A net budget of £134.578m, resulting in a total Council Tax Requirement of £78.7m, is set for 2016/17 based on the final settlement figures published by Government in February 2016, as set out in the report. This is based upon:</p> <p>i. An increase of 3.99% in Council Tax in 2016/17, having considered those matters set out in paragraphs 64-65 of this report and</p>	<p>See report for reasons.</p>	<p>See report for any alternative options considered.</p>	<p>See EINA attached as Appendix 6 to the report.</p>	<p>All Members of the Cabinet had been granted a dispensation by the Monitoring Officer to take part in the debate and to vote on the Council's budget proposals.</p>

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				<p>Appendix 5 as attached and including acceptance of Government's flexibility offer of 2% for the increasing impact of Adult Social Care (ASC);</p> <p>ii. The key assumptions and provisions made in the Budget as proposed, set out in paragraph 115 and further details in paragraphs 113-115;</p> <p>iii. The allocations to service areas further to the Budget as proposed, as set out in Appendix 1, having considered any key matters arising from the Budget consultation process to date.</p> <p>b. The use and level of all reserves to be held by the Council further to the advice of the Acting Executive Director - Finance, as the Council's S151 Officer, as set out in paragraphs 116-129 and Appendix 2 to this report, and specifically the intention to apply £325k from un-earmarked reserves on a one-off basis to support the Wheels Festival</p>				

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				<p>during 2016/17.</p> <p>c. The inclusion of £800k to act as a base budget un-earmarked contingency and £200k earmarked contingency;</p> <p>d. The Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 130-137 and Appendix 3;</p> <p>e. The Treasury Management Strategy, Practices and Prudential Indicators as set out in paragraphs 138-140 and Appendix 4;</p> <p>f. The Chief Officers' Pay Policy Statement, as prepared by the Head of Strategic HR, for consideration and approval by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 as set out in paragraph 141 and Appendix 7;</p> <p>g. That Members' Allowances for 2016/17 will be considered later in the year once the Independent Remuneration Panel has</p>				

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				<p>submitted its proposals as discussed in paragraph 142;</p> <p>h. That the Acting S151 Officer provides the Council with a schedule setting out the rate of Council Tax for each category of dwelling subject to an increase of 3.99% in Council Tax for approval by full Council, further to Members' consideration of the decision required in respect of (i.) above;</p> <p>i. That having been supported by Cabinet following the Government announcement of transition funding, this £300k of funding be added to the base budget un-earmarked contingency; and</p> <p>j. That having been supported by the Cabinet following their circulation, the inclusion of additional budget proposals for 2016/17 in respect of Planning Enforcement, Town Centre Enforcement, Digital Leadership, Town Centre Major Projects,</p>				



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				<p>Road Rescue Fund and the Local Improvement Fund. These budget proposals are available to view on the Council's website at the following link:- <a href="#">click here</a></p> <p>Note: Following a Special Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 9 February 2016, Cabinet were advised by the Chairman of the Panel that following a review of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2016/17 - 28/19 and the Budget 2016/17, the Panel supported the budget as presented. The Cabinet placed on record their thanks to Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel for their work on completing a comprehensive review.</p> <p>Note: The Leader of the Council paid tribute to the Acting Executive Director - Finance, the Service Director - Strategic Finance and their team for their work on the budget setting process and the MTFP. The Leader of the Council also wished the Acting Executive Director - Finance the very best in his future career once he had left the Council later in</p>				

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Item 1	13	Public  Key Decision: No  Call-In to apply: No	Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Blair Crawford - Adult Social Care.	To comply with the Council's Constitution.	N/A.	N/A.	
Item 2	14	Public  Key Decision: No  Call-In to apply: No	Declarations of interests	The Democratic and Overview & Scrutiny Officer confirmed that all Members of the Cabinet had been granted a dispensation by the Monitoring Officer to take part in the debate and to vote on the Council's budget proposals.	To comply with the Council's Constitution.	N/A.	N/A.	
Item 3	15	Public  Key Decision: No  Call-In to apply: No	Public Items  A. Public Questions B. Deputations C. Petitions	A. None received.  B. None received.  C. None received.	To comply with the Council's Constitution.	N/A.	N/A.	
Item 6 Report 6	16  See also Clause 12 above	Public  Key Decision: Yes  Call-In to apply: Yes	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2016/17 - 2018/19 & the Budget 2016/17  Portfolio: Leader of the Council and Resources	a. That the progress made in taking forward the Council's Financial Strategy as set out in paragraphs 23-29 of the report be noted.  b. That the forecast Medium Term Financial Plan position up to 2018/19 and the continuing work to support the rolling development and annual refresh of the Medium Term Financial	See report for reasons.	See report for any alternative options considered.	See EINA attached as Appendix 6 to the report.	All Members of the Cabinet had been granted a dispensation by the Monitoring Officer to take part in the debate and to vote on the Council's

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				<p>Plan in future as set out in paragraphs 79-84, be noted; and</p> <p>c. That the work undertaken during 2015/16 to refresh the Medium Term Financial Plan and the proposals for achieving a balanced Budget position in 2016/17 (as at February 2016 estimates) as shown at paragraph 80, Table 3, having regard also to the ongoing uncertainties and risks set out in paragraphs 82-83, be noted.</p>				budget proposals.