

**BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL CABINET
7 February 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor John Beesley - Leader of the Council, Resources and Chair; Councillor Nicola Greene, Deputy Leader of the Council, Education and Children's Services and Vice-Chair; Councillor Philip Broadhead - Local Government Reorganisation and Economic Growth, Councillor Blair Crawford - Adult Social Care; Councillor Anne Filer - Corporate Efficiency; Councillor Mike Greene - Transport, Cleansing and Waste, Councillor Jane Kelly - Regeneration and Public Health, Councillor Robert Lawton - Housing, Councillor Pat Oakley - Tourism, Leisure and the Arts, Councillor David Smith - Planning and Environment.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Derek Borthwick, Kieron Wilson

The meeting started at 10.33 am and finished at 11.37 am.

The publication date for this Record of Decisions is 9 February 2018.

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 16 February 2018. 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:

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/councildemocratic/CouncilMeetings/CommitteeMeetings/Cabinet/2018/02/07/Cabinet07-Feb-2018.aspx>

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Item 4 Report 4	12	Public Report to full Council Call-In to apply: No	Capital Strategy & Corporate Asset Management Plan 2018-2021 Portfolio: Local government Reorganisation and Economic Development	Recommended to Full Council: 1. That the Capital Strategy & Corporate Asset Management Plan 2018-2021 is adopted. 2. That the Service Director for Housing and Communities be granted delegated authority to make minor amendments to the Plan, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Local Government Reorganisation and Economic Development, to reflect the fact that Service Plans for 2018/19 are yet to be finalised so some asset related targets may be subject to change. Note: The Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet paid tribute to Martin Wilkins, Policy and Support Manager (Property) for his work in developing the Strategy and Asset Management Plan.	See report for reasons.	See report for any alternative options considered.	See paragraph within the report.	
Item 5 Report 5	13	Public Report to full Council	Housing Revenue Account Budget, Rent Setting and Capital Programme 2018/19	Recommended to Full Council: 1. That the financial strategy of the Housing Revenue Account be agreed as follows:	See report for reasons.	See report for any alternative options considered.	See paragraph within the report.	

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		Call-In to apply: No	Portfolio: Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To focus resources on meeting the cost of servicing the HRA outstanding debt; ii. To ensure that the new government policies are implemented; iii. To ensure that the stock is adequately managed and maintained; iv. To implement an efficiency strategy to ensure that the right management and maintenance services are delivered as efficiently as possible within the tighter financial climate; and v. To direct any surplus that might be available towards the New Build/Acquisition programme to increase stock numbers and meet unmet housing needs. <p>2. That the proposed HRA budget for 2018/19, is as set out in this report and appendices, and is in line with national policy requirements.</p>				

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				<p>3. That a 3% increase in tenant garage rents will be applied and tenant service charges will be increased by 3% until the new service charge policy is implemented during 2018/19.</p> <p>4. That the £4m 'Sale of Vacant High Value Assets' reserve is kept under ongoing review, taking into account any national policy changes.</p> <p>5. That delegated authority continues to be given to the Service Director of Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Housing, for any subsequent changes to the proposed HRA Budget on the assumption that a balanced budget position will be maintained.</p> <p>6. That the further two years 1% rent reduction will continue to be implemented but this will revert to an increase of CPI plus 1% from</p>				

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				<p>2020/21 in line with national policy.</p> <p>Note: The Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet paid tribute to the Service Director - Housing and Communities and his team, and Marta Zuk, Senior Accountant, for their work in developing the Housing Revenue Account Budget, Rent Setting and Capital Programme.</p>				
Item 6 Report 6	14 See also Clause 18 below	Public Report to full Council Call-In to apply: No	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan (MFTP) 2018 to 2021 Update and the Budget for 2018/19</p> <p>Portfolio: Leader of the Council and Resources</p>	<p>Recommended to Full Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That it undertakes a recorded vote in relation to the following items as required by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2014 which came into force on the 25 February 2014; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A net budget of £127.4m, resulting in a total Council Tax Requirement of £90.3m, is set for 2018/19 based on the provisional settlement figures published by Government in December 2017. This is based upon: 	See report for reasons.	See report for any alternative options considered.	See EINA attached as Appendix 5 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 budget proposals.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An increase in Council Tax in 2018/19 by the 3% social care precept as well as a 2.99% core increase, meaning an overall increase of 5.99%; ii. The key assumptions and provisions made in the Budget as proposed, set out in paragraph 53; iii. The allocations to service areas further to the Budget as proposed and as set out in Appendix 1; iv. The use and level of all reserves to be held by the Council further to the advice of the Chief Finance Officer as set out in paragraphs 76 to 87 and Appendix 2 to this report. Specifically, this includes the £450k expenditure in key Council priorities; v. The Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 69 to 75 and Appendix 3; vi. Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators as set out in 				

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				<p>paragraphs 88 to 91 and Appendix 4;</p> <p>vii. The Chief Officers' Pay Policy Statement, as prepared by the Joint Service Director, Human Resources and Organisational Development, for consideration and approval by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 as set out in paragraphs 93 to 94 and Appendix 6;</p> <p>viii. That Members' Allowances for 2018/19 will be considered later in the year once the Independent Remuneration Panel has submitted its proposals as discussed in paragraphs 95 to 98;</p> <p>b. Agree to the transfer between the Schools Block and the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grants as set out in paragraphs 56 to 61;</p> <p>c. That the Chief Finance Officer provides the Council with a schedule setting out the rate of</p>				

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				<p>Council Tax for each category of dwelling subject to the 5.99% increase in Council Tax considered by Cabinet for approval by Full Council further to Members' consideration of the decision required in respect of a. above and after taking account of the precepts to be levied by the local Police and Fire Authorities once these have been determined prior to Council on 21 February 2018; and</p> <p>2. That it delegates authority to the Managing Director to enter into the agreements necessary to implement the shared service arrangements for the Financial Services, Property Management and Maintenance function as set out in the report;</p> <p>3. That it acknowledges that the decisions set out in this report will have a significant impact on the financial sustainability of a new Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Unitary Authority should the Secretary of State confirm his "minded to" decision.</p>				

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				<p>Note: Following a Special Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 6 February 2018, Cabinet was advised by the Vice Chairman of the Panel that having scrutinised the budget proposals in some detail the Panel supported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Capital Budget, • The General Fund including the proposed Council Tax rise, and • The Housing Revenue Account <p>The Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet placed on record its thanks to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel for their work in scrutinising the budget proposals and confirmed that the Panel's decision would be taken into consideration in respect of this item.</p> <p>Note: The Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet paid tribute to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Chief Financial Officer and their</p>				

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				teams for their work on the budget setting process and the MTFP.				

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Item 1	15	Public Key Decision: No Call-In to apply: No	Apologies	There were no apologies for absence received from Cabinet Members.	To comply with the Council's Constitution.	N/A.	N/A.	
Item 2	16	Public Key Decision: No Call-In to apply: No	Declarations of interests	There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests made by Cabinet Members. The Deputy Head of Democratic Services 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	17	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	18 See also Clause 14 above	Public Key Decision: Yes Call-In to apply: Yes	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2018 to 2021 Update and the Budget for 2018/19	That the Cabinet: 1. Notes the implications of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2018/19. 2. Notes the work done in developing the transformation	See report for reasons.	See report for any alternative options considered.	See EINA attached as Appendix 5 to the report.	All Members of the Cabinet had been granted a dispensation by the Monitoring Officer to take part in the

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			Portfolio: Leader of the Council and Resources	<p>programme which aims to deliver the savings and efficiencies needed by the Council over the three-year period to 2021.</p> <p>3. Notes the work undertaken in developing the annual budget for 2018/19 and the key underlying assumptions and savings proposals being put forward as part of the balanced Budget proposal.</p> <p>4. Notes that the Council has only increased Council Tax twice over the last seven years since 2010 and has frozen or reduced Council Tax on the other five occasions.</p> <p>5. Notes that even after the proposal set out in this report there will have been an 11% real terms reduction in Bournemouth's Council Tax over the period since 2010 (as measured against the retail price index).</p>				debate and to vote on the Council's budget proposals.