

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

10 February 2023

Present:-

Councillors R Croad, A Davis, R Gilbert, J Hart (Chair), S Hughes, A Leadbetter, J McInnes (Vice-Chair), A Saywell and P Twiss

Members attending in accordance with Standing Order 25

Councillors J Bailey, J Brazil and C Whitton (in person)

Councillors F Biederman, J Hodgson, A Dewhirst and M Wrigley (remote attendance)

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023 be signed as a correct record.

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Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/2024 - 2026/2027 and the Capital Programme for 2023/2024 - 2027/2028

RESOLVED

(1) that Cabinet has full regard to the responsibilities placed upon the Authority in the exercise of its Public Sector Equality Duty under s149 of the Equality Act 2010 (as set out in the 'Budget 2023/24 Impact Assessment' - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/impact/published/budget-impact-assessments/> circulated previously for the purposes of this meeting, and specific impact assessments undertaken as part of the budget's preparation) in considering the proposals and their impact, before making a decision;

(2) that Cabinet regard the views of the Authority's Scrutiny Committees, the Devon Education Forum, the Business Community, the Voluntary Sector, and the Trades Unions and other consultees on the budget (as set out on the agenda);

(3) that the Finance Settlement Core Funding of £107.2 million be noted;

(4) that the amended budget targets set out on page 7 be approved;

(5) that the budgets (pages 40 to 85) within the amended targets set be approved;

(6) that the Net budget of £607.7 million as set out in Key Table 1 on page 9

be recommended to the Authority;

(7) that approval to a 2% increase to the Adult Social Care Precept as set out in Key Table 2 page 10 be recommended to the Authority;

(8) that the Council Tax requirement be set at £491,805,166.53 as set out in Key Table 2 page 10 be recommended to the Authority;

(9) that the precepts required from each District Council and the levels of County Council Tax for each of the eight property valuation bands consequent upon the budget as amended by adjustments in collection in the current year, as set out in Key Table 2 on page 10, be recommended to the Authority;

(10) that Members note there are no new Fees & Charges proposed for 2023/24;

(11) that Members note in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, changes to existing charges will be agreed by the appropriate Cabinet Member and Chief Finance Officer via a Delegated Decision;

(12) that the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 - 2026/27 as set out on pages 87 to 113 be noted;

(13) that the risks outlined on pages 151 to 175 be taken account of in determining the final service budgets, levels of reserves and Council Tax figure to be recommended to the Authority;

(14) that the County Fund Balance and Earmarked Reserves 2023/24 as set out on pages 114 to 119 be noted;

(15) that the Capital Programme Overview 2023/24 - 2027/28 set out on pages 20 to 37 be recommended to the Authority;

(16) that the Capital Programme for 2023/24 of £172.5 million and how it is financed as shown in Summary Table D on page 28 be recommended to the Authority;

(17) that, for planning purposes, the indicative Capital Programmes for, 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 shown in summary Table D on page 28 be approved; and these levels will be reviewed in the light of the overall level of revenue and capital resources available to the Authority for each year;

(18) that the Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 - 2026/27 as set out on pages 120 to 138 be recommended for adoption by the Authority;

(19) that the Prudential Indicators for 2023/24 to 2027/28 contained on pages 123 to 138 be recommended to the Authority;

(20) that authority to effect movements between the separately agreed limits

for borrowing and other long term liabilities be delegated to the Director of Finance and Public Value; and

(21) that the Capital Strategy 2023/24 - 2027/28 contained on pages 139 to 150 be recommended to the Authority

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Admission Arrangements: Approval to admission arrangements for subsequent academic year

(Councillor Brazil declared a personal interest in this matter by virtue of being a Governor at Kingsbridge Community College).

RESOLVED

(a) that the 2024-25 admissions policies for community and VC schools including their Published Admission Numbers (PAN) in Appendix One be approved and the changes to catchment areas within Appendices Two (and replicated below) which include responses from the consultation as well as detailing all Devon-wide changes be endorsed.

- amend the boundary between Countess Wear and Wynstream primary schools as consulted;
- amend the boundary between Newton Poppleford and West Hill primary schools and the boundary between Sidmouth College and The King's School, informed by the consultation responses;
- amend the boundary between Willand and Halberton primary schools, informed by the consultation response;
- amend the boundary between Hatherleigh and The Clinton primary schools, informed by the consultation response;
- amend the boundary between Berrynarbor and Combe Martin primary schools, informed by the consultation response;
- amend the boundary between Berrynarbor and Ilfracombe Infant and Junior schools, informed by the consultation response;
- not amend the boundary of Berrynarbor, Combe Martin, and Ilfracombe Infant and Junior schools so that the entire parish of Berrynarbor falls into the Berrynarbor school catchment;
- amend the boundary between Filleigh and South Molton Community Primary schools, informed by the consultation response; and
- not refer the extension of Uffculme School's catchment area and inclusion of Willand School to the Office of the school Adjudicator.

(b) that the normal round co-ordinated admissions and the in-year co-ordinated admissions schemes for 2024-25 in Appendix Three be approved;

(c) that the admissions relevant area for Devon for 2024-25 and 2025-26 as detailed in section 7 be endorsed; and

(d) that the admissions timetable for the year ahead, see Appendix Four, be approved.

* **8** **Establishment of an Equality Commission**

RESOLVED

(a) that the formation of the Devon Equalities Commission and its Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 1 be approved;

(b) that the Equality statement of intent as set out at Appendix 2 also be approved; and

(c) that the considerable work already undertaken to date, highlighting the Council's commitment to advancing equalities, be acknowledged.

* **10** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the following be endorsed and any recommendations to Cabinet therein be approved:

Farms Estate (Interviewing) Committee – 9th January 2023

Devon Education Forum – 18 January 2023 (except minute 79 was dealt with under minute 281)

* **12** **Forward Plan**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet reviewed the Forward Plan and determined those items of business to be defined as key and framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting onwards reflecting the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.