

# Council

Date: **26 February 2020**

Report of: **Cabinet**

## CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

### 1.0 **Summary:**

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations of Cabinet referred to Council since the publication of the agenda for the previous ordinary meeting of the Council on 18 December 2019.
- 1.2 To report to Council the Key Decisions made by Cabinet since the publication of the agenda for the previous ordinary meeting of the Council on 18 December 2019, as detailed in Appendix 7 of this report.

### 2.0 **Recommendations**

#### 2.1 **That Council approves the recommendations from Cabinet:**

- a) To approve the new Corporate Strategy 2020-2024 to Council.

**Cabinet Meeting: 12 February 2020**

**Minute No. 75**

**Report: A NEW CORPORATE STRATEGY 2020-2024**

**Leader of the Council**

**(Report Appended for information - Appendix 1 – p. 17 - 47)**

#### 2.2 **That Council approves the recommendations from Cabinet:**

- a) To approve the Interim HRA Business Plan as set out in Section 6 of the report.
- b) To approve the proposed Capital programme as proposed in Appendix A of the report.

**Cabinet Meeting: 22 January 2020**

**Minute No. 69**

**INTERIM HRA BUSINESS PLAN JANUARY 2020**

**Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities**

**(Report Appended for information - Appendix 2 – p49 - 86)**

**2.3 That Council approves the recommendations from Cabinet:**

- a) That the estimates for 2020-21 be approved subject to receipt of the rent standard, with delegated authority being given to the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Communities in consultation with the Director for Corporate Services to amend the estimated working balance based on any changes to this standard;
- b) That an average rent increase of 2.69% for all Council dwellings for 2020-21 with effect from 1 April 2020 and that when a property is re-let the rent continues to be brought into line with the Government's formula rent;
- c) To approve a delegation to the Director for Housing & Communities in consultation with the Director for Corporate Services to access the Regeneration & Development Reserve balance for schemes and projects supporting the HAMP and in line with the HRA Business Plan.

**Cabinet Meeting: 12 February 2020**

**Minute No. 79**

**Report: REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2020-21 - HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)**

**Portfolio Holder Housing and Communities**

**(Report Appended for information – Appendix 3 – p87 - 103)**

**2.4 That Council approves the recommendations from Cabinet:**

- a) To approve funding for capital schemes in respect of General Expenses for 2020/21 and the sources that funding will be taken from, be as set out in Appendix A
- b) To approve the Capital Strategy at Appendix C.

**Cabinet Meeting: 12 February 2020**

**Minute No. 76**

**Report: CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/21**

**Portfolio Holder Corporate Finance and Resources**

**(Report Appended for information – Appendix 4 – p105 - 145)**

**2.5 That Council approves the recommendations from Cabinet:**

- a) To approve the proposals for General Expenses and Special Expenses MM as set out in Appendix A (i) and (ii) and summarised in paras 6.10 to 6.12 for inclusion in the 2020/21 budget resulting in the estimates set out in Appendix B;
- b) The revenue budget for 2020/21 for General and Special Expenses as set out in Appendix B be approved resulting in an overall council tax increase of £5, the individual council tax levels being as set out in para 6.12;
- c) That the permanent establishment be updated in line with the growth proposals;
- d) Any increase or shortfall against the target working balance on General Expenses at 31 March 2020 be adjusted by transfers to/from the Corporate Priorities Reserve and for Special Expenses Melton Mowbray any surplus/deficit be transferred to/from the Special Expenses Reserve;
- e) That members note the changes made to the risk categorisation of budgets as set out in para 6.14 and Appendix D.

**Cabinet Meeting: 12 February 2020**  
**Minute No. 77**  
**Report: GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21 TO 2023/24**  
**Portfolio Holder Corporate Finance and Resources**  
**(Report Appended for information – Appendix 5 – p147 - 180)**

2.6 **That Council approves the recommendations from Cabinet:**

- a) That the prudential indicators and limits are adopted and approved.
- b) That the Treasury Management Strategy and treasury management prudential indicators are adopted and approved.
- c) That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement which sets out the Council's policy on MRP is approved.

**Cabinet Meeting: 12 February 2020**  
**Minute No. 78**  
**Report: PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2020/21**  
**Portfolio Holder Corporate Finance and Resources**  
**(Report Appended for information – Appendix 6 – p181 - 219)**

### 3.0 **Report Detail**

- 3.1 This report comprises of matters of business formally undertaken by the Cabinet since the last ordinary meeting of the Council that require Full Council approval.
- 3.2 The report also includes the Key Decisions made by Cabinet since the publication of the agenda for the previous meeting of the Council on 18 December 2019 (Appendix 7), these Key Decisions are provided for information only.

### 4.0 **Consultation and Feedback**

- 4.1 As outlined in the Report attached at Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

### 5.0 **Next Steps**

- 5.1 As outlined in the Report attached at Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

### 6.0 **Financial Implications**

- 6.1 As outlined in the Report attached at Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

### 7.0 **Legal and Governance Implications:**

- 7.1 As outlined in the Report attached at Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- 7.2 The Key Decisions listed in Appendix 7 have already been taken and the record is for Council's information only.

### 8.0 **Equality and Safeguarding Implications:**


- 8.1 As outlined in the Report attached at Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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| <b>9.0 Community Safety Implications:</b>  |
| 9.1 As outlined in the Report attached at Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.                        |
| <b>10.0 Other Implications</b>   |
| 10.1 As outlined in the Report attached at Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.                       |
| <b>11.0 Risk &amp; Mitigation:</b>   |
| 11.1 Risks and mitigation are outlined in the report attached at Appendix 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. |

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| <b>Background Papers:</b> |
| None                      |

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| <b>Appendices</b> |   |
| Appendix 1        | A New Corporate Strategy 2020-2024  |
| Appendix 2        | Interim HRA Business Plan January 2020  |
| Appendix 3        | Revenue Budget Proposals 2020-21 - Housing Revenue Account (HRA)                          |
| Appendix 4        | Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2020/21  |
| Appendix 5        | General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 To 2023/24 |
| Appendix 6        | Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21                            |
| Appendix 7        | Key Decisions made by Cabinet since the Previous Ordinary Meeting of the Council          |

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| <b>Report Timeline:</b>                 |                                |
| <b>Equalities Check &amp; Challenge</b> | N/A                            |
| <b>SLT Sign off</b>                     | N/A                            |
| <b>Previously Considered by Cabinet</b> | 22.01.20 and 12.02.20          |
| <b>Director Approval</b>                | (Chief Executive)              |
| <b>Chief Finance Officer Sign Off</b>   | Reports signed off as detailed |
| <b>Monitoring Officer Sign Off</b>      | Reports signed off as detailed |

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