

Cabinet

25th January 2021

PRESENT:-

Councillors S. Brady (Chair), D. R. Hale (Deputy Chair), J. Black, P. Clark, D. Craker, A. Harrison, G. Lunn, R. Pantelakis, M. Thompson and Councillor P. Webster.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

M. Jukes (Chief Executive), D. Bell (Director of Finance and Transformation), M. Jones (Director of Regeneration), I. Anderson (Director of Legal Services and Partnerships), J. Weldon (Director of Public Health and Adult Services) and L. Scholes (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

G. Taylor (Assistant Director Major Projects and Infrastructure) – minute 207

C. Taylor (Programme Manager) - minute 207

N. Harne (Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities) – minute 213

B. Hanson (Strategy and Appraisals Manager) – minute 213

APOLOGIES:-

None.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
204	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Councillor Hale declared a personal interest in this matter insofar as he is Director of Kingstown Works Limited.)	
205	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST DECEMBER 2020 Agreed – that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 21 st December, 2020, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.	
206	PUBLIC QUESTIONS No public questions were received.	

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

Key Decisions

207	<p>BUDE PARK IMPROVEMENT TO PLAYING FIELDS & NEW SPORTS CHANGING FACILITIES</p> <p>The Director of Regeneration submitted a report which provided an update on the progress of the improvement to the playing fields and new sports changing rooms at Bude Park.</p> <p>The comments of the Finance and Value for Money Overview and Scrutiny Commission when this matter was considered, were submitted for consideration, and were detailed at minute 211.</p> <p>Members discussed the need to ensure the site was secure and that the wider public community were invited to participate in the consultation not just those teams which currently played there. Appropriate communications needed to be put in place including recognition of everyone who had been involved in this over the years.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <p>(a) That approval is given to commission Hull Esteem Consortium LEP (working in collaboration with NPS) to progress with the detailed design work required for the submission of the planning application which includes the redesign of the playing fields, changing rooms and flood prevention design works and that the works be tendered through the Esteem Framework contract.</p> <p>(b) That approval be given to delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Major Projects & Infrastructure and Assistant Director of Streetscene to enter into any contracts required to undertake the work. The costs to undertake the works to Bude Park will be subject to a successful grant bid to the Football Foundation and Council match funding of £350,000 S106 monies.</p> <p>(c) That approval is given for the Assistant Director of Major Projects & Infrastructure to accept grant funding from the Football Foundation should the funding bid be successful to improve the playing fields and changing facilities at Bude Park.</p> <p>(d) That approval is given for the £350,000 S106 monies which have been delegated for use by</p>	<p>(a) Assistant Director Major Projects and Infrastructure</p> <p>(b) Assistant Director Major Projects and Infrastructure/ Assistant Director of Streetscene</p> <p>(c-d) Assistant Director Major Projects and Infrastructure</p>
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	<p>Foredyke Area Committee to be used as Council match funding to deliver the improvement scheme to Bude Park, which is a requirement of the Football Foundation grant scheme.</p> <p><u>Reasons for recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that the Council are able to commission Hull Esteem Consortium LEP to undertake the detailed design for full planning submission and the full grant application submission to Football Foundation. • To ensure that improvement works required to be undertaken to Bude Park as part of the grant funding award, is given approval to go out to tender using the Esteem framework and the awarding of the contract is delegated to the Assistant Director of Major Projects & Infrastructure and Assistant Director of Streetscene. • To ensure that the Assistant Director of Major Projects & Infrastructure can accept grant funding from the Football Foundation to deliver the improvements required at Bude Park. • To ensure that the delegated £350,000 S106 monies can be used as Council match funding to deliver the improvements at Bude Park. 	
Non-Key Decisions		
208	<p>MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN – UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>The Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer) submitted a report which provided an update on the latest projections informing the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the period 2021.22 to 2023/24 and detailed the factors that would feature in the full budget proposals to be considered by Cabinet and Council in February 2021</p> <p>The comments of the Finance and Value for Money Overview and Scrutiny Commission when this matter was considered, were submitted for consideration, and were detailed at minute 211.</p> <p>Members discussed the projected gap in the budget for 2022/23 including relevant increases to Council Tax, fees and charges, the settlement as well as staff wages. The officer confirmed that it included the projected increases to</p>	

	<p>income such as a 2% increase to the Council Tax and fees and also assumed a small increase to staff wages. It was expected that there would be a small increase in Government funding next year.</p> <p>Members also discussed the need for caution around fair funding as it was not currently known what form this would take and the need for more sustainable adult social care funding, it was not sustainable to continue to apply increases to Council Tax in order to fund this. It was affecting those areas and people that could not afford it the most with those areas that could afford to pay more for adult social care not needing to pay more due to the already increased level of Council Tax funding. Those less affluent areas which needed the additional funding were not able to generate as much as needed through their Council Tax funding.</p> <p>Agreed – That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the updated MTFP projections at section 6 and the significant financial uncertainty faced by the Council. (b) Note the forecast reserves position and the significant financial risks faced by the Council. (c) Note that the formal reports, regarding the detail of the 2021/22 Capital Programme, General Fund Revenue Budget, and Housing Revenue Account, will be presented to Cabinet and Council for approval in February. <p><u>Reasons for recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council needs to ensure that it has an up to date and realistic plan for how it is going to manage its finances in the medium term. That plan includes within it the resources that are available to provide or commission services, and also indicates the ongoing or new actions that are needed to ensure that financial viability is maintained. 	<p>(a-c) Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer)</p>
209	<p>COUNCIL TAX BASE REPORT 2021/22</p> <p>The Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer) submitted a report which set out how the Council Tax Base for 2021/22 had been calculated and the timetable required to meet the statutory requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Local Government Act 2003 and the Local Government</p>	

	<p>Finance Act 2012.</p> <p>The comments of the Finance and Value for Money Overview and Scrutiny Commission when this matter was considered, were submitted for consideration, and were detailed at minute 211.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <p>(a) That the calculation of the Council’s Tax Base (equivalent number of Band D properties) for the year 2021/22 be approved.</p> <p>(b) That pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amount of Band D equivalent properties calculated by the Kingston upon Hull City Council as its tax base for the year 2021/22 shall be 61,962.</p> <p><u>Reasons for recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tax base calculation is a statutory requirement, necessary to set the 2021/22 Council Tax rate. The Band D equivalent properties calculated by the Kingston upon Hull City Council as its tax base for the year 2021/22 shall be 61,962. 	<p>(a-b) Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer)</p>
<p>210</p>	<p>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2020-21 – THIRD FORMAL REPORT</p> <p>The Director of Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer) submitted a report which set out the General Fund revenue budget monitoring position and also those for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as well as details of the financial impact of the COVID crisis.</p> <p>The comments of the Finance and Value for Money Overview and Scrutiny Commission when this matter was considered, were submitted for consideration, and were detailed at minute 211.</p> <p>Members discussed the option available to capitalise COVID spend which was not currently being progressed, the officer confirmed that this was part of the preliminary negotiations with the Government and would involve the capitalisation of costs to help balance the budget for next year. As the Council was facing a very significant deficit in future years, it would be an option to go back to the Government to seek further support possibly through a</p>	

	<p>capitalisation direction, Hull would not be the only Council in this position. Members queried whether any other local authorities had taken this option this year. The officer confirmed that he was not aware of any local authorities who had sought it in the normal course of action, only those authorities with well publicised difficulties with associated companies such as Croydon with a building company, Nottingham with an energy company and Luton with the airport.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <p>(a) That members note the overspend relating to the Social Care budgets, the savings to be delivered in year of £1.75M and the impact of the COVID 19 response in terms of projected additional costs and loss of income (see Appendix C for details) which currently suggests a neutral year end position with regard to the General Fund.</p> <p>(b) That members note the forecast in year deficit of £0.195m for the DSG, and actions/funding required to bring the cumulative position into balance in the medium term.</p> <p>(c) That members note the forecast of an in-year surplus of £0.310m for the HRA.</p> <p><u>Reasons for recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council needs to ensure that it is managing its resources effectively while ensuring that the public receive the benefits from the functions that it provides itself or commissions from other service providers. 	<p>(a-c) Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer)</p>
211	<p>COMMENTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS</p> <p>The Senior Democratic Services Officer submitted comments in relation to minutes 207 - 210 and 213 from the Council's committees and scrutiny commissions that had considered the reports following the circulation of the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>Agreed – That the comments be noted.</p>	
212	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p>	

	<p>Agreed – that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public (including the Press) be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, minute 213, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information an individual and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>	
213	<p>POTENTIAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ACQUISITION OF SURPLUS REGISTERED PROVIDER HOUSING STOCK</p> <p>(Councillor Hale declared a personal interest in this matter insofar as he is Director of Kingstown Works Limited.)</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report which set out the details and process of the Council’s invitation to bid for stock from a national Housing Association that wishes to dispose of its affordable homes in the City. The report sought authority to bid for the stock subject to the acquisition having a positive impact on the Housing Revenue Account.</p> <p>The comments of the Finance and Value for Money Overview and Scrutiny Commission when this matter was considered, were submitted for consideration, and were detailed at minute 211.</p> <p>Members discussed the impact on Right to Buy and new build plans; the properties across the City; the engagement with residents; the Council’s ability to access repairs locally and the method used to decide on the successful bid.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That, subject to the detailed property, rent and disposal information, delegation is given to the Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing and the Assistant Director of Property in consultation the Portfolio Holder for Housing and the s151 Officer to submit a bid for the stock which is subject to disposal. (b) That, if successful in reaching the preferred bidder stage the final terms of any acquisition are provided to Leader and Portfolio Holder for a decision on the 	<p>(a) Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing/ Assistant Director of Property</p> <p>(b) Assistant Director of</p>

	<p>commitment of acquisition.</p> <p><u>Reasons for recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendation will provide the opportunity to retain affordable housing in the city, whilst also supporting the Council's landlord function in expanding its stock offer and increasing its rental income. The recommendations provide the appropriate delegations to allow the Council to effectively compete with other bidders, whilst providing suitable checks to ensure the long term viability of the HRA. 	Neighbourhoods and Housing
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Start: 9.30 a.m.
Finish 10.00 a.m.

The above Executive Decisions will come into force and may be implemented on expiry of five working days after the publication of the decisions i.e. 4th February, 2021, unless called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

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