
CABINET

Wednesday, 9th January, 2019

Present: Councillor Miles Parkinson (in the Chair), Councillors Paul Cox, Munsif Dad and Joyce Plummer

In Attendance: Councillors Lisa Allen, Tony Dobson, June Harrison and Eamonn Higgins

Apologies: Clare Cleary and Gareth Molineux

259 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Clare Cleary and Gareth Molineux.

260 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no reported declarations of interest or dispensations.

261 Minutes of Cabinet

The Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 5th December 2018 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group asked what progress had been made in relation to minute 236 about the Town Centre Business and Marketing Co-ordinator. It was stated that a meeting had been arranged with the Town Centre Officer and Executive Director (Environment).

Resolved - **That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

262 Minutes of Boards, Panels and Working Groups

No minutes were received from any boards, panels and working groups.

263 Reports of Cabinet Members

There were no reports provided by Cabinet Members present at the meeting.

264 Council Tax Base 2019-2020

The Leader of the Council submitted a report to inform Members of the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2019-2020.

Approval of the report was not deemed a key decision.

Reasons for Decision

In accordance with Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council was required to formally determine the Council Tax Base for 2019-2020 prior to 31st

January 2019. This allowed the Council to notify the major preceptors (Lancashire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority) by the 31st January of the Council Tax Base.

The requisite calculation (Appendices A and B) had to be carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012. Once determined the Council Tax Base cannot be changed and has to be used when the Council set their Council Tax for the financial year 2019-2020.

The calculation of the Tax Base for Hyndburn and Altham for 2019-2020 was attached to the agenda report. It proposed that the Tax Base for Hyndburn 2019-2020 shall be 20,934 This is an increase from last year's Tax Base of 428 (20,506). The 2019-2020 Tax Base for Altham is 316, an increase from last year's Tax Base of 2 (314).

The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 specify formulae for calculating the Council Tax Base which must be set between the 1st December 2018 and the 31st January 2019.

The Council Tax Base is the measure of the number of chargeable dwellings held on the valuation list as at the 10 September 2018 and then adjusted to take account of discounts, exemptions, re-bandings and Council Tax Support to arrive at the Authority's Council Tax Band D.

Alternative Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection

This is a statutory requirement, therefore no other options can be considered.

A Customer First Analysis was attached at Appendix C to the report.

- Resolved**
- (1) That the report be approved;**
 - (2) That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax Base for the financial year 2019/2020 be 20,934; and,**
 - (3) That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Council for its Council Tax Base for the Parish of Altham for the financial year 2019/2020 be 316.**

265 Housing and Economic Needs Assessment

The Leader of the Council submitted a report to notify Cabinet of the completion of a key part of the evidence base for the new Local Plan, the Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HENA), and to inform Cabinet of the key findings of the study.

Approval of the report was not deemed a key decision.

Reasons for Decision

The new Local Plan for Hyndburn was in preparation, and the Council was scheduled to commence a public consultation on it in February 2019. Separate papers would be brought to the February Cabinet meeting providing details of the proposed consultation material, and seeking approval to commence consultation.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources submitted a report to inform Cabinet on the financial spending of the Council up to the end of November 2018 and the financial forecast outturn position for the Accounting Year 2018/19.

Approval of the report was not deemed a key decision.

Reasons for Decision

The financial details of the report was shown as a table at the end of the report.

The spend for the first eight months of the financial year to the end of November 2018 was £7,030,241 compared to a Budget of £7,041,271 giving a small positive variance of £11,000 over the first eight months of the year.

The current forecast spend to the end of the financial year in March 2019 was £11,098,000 compared to a Budget of £11,174,000. This forecast produces a positive variance of £76,000. Culture & Leisure Services, Parks & Cemeteries and Planning & Transportation were all predicting small adverse variance. There were more significant adverse variances on Town Centre & Markets and Policy & Corporate Governance. All other Budget Areas are predicting a surplus position compared to their Budget by the year end.

Alternative Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection

Not applicable.

Resolved - That Cabinet noted the report and asked that the Corporate Management Team continue to reduce costs and increase income over the remainder of the year to help improve the overall financial position of the Council.

267 Hyndburn Leisure Financial Support

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved - That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item, when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings that there would otherwise be disclosure of exempt information within the Paragraph at Schedule 12A of the Act specified at the item.

The following item was submitted as urgent business with the Chair's agreement in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the reason being to ensure the latest up to date financial information was included in the report.

Exempt Information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Resources submitted an exempt report to inform Cabinet of a request for financial assistance from Hyndburn Leisure.

Approval of the report was not deemed a key decision.

Reasons for Decision

The reasons for the decision were set out in the exempt report.

Alternative Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection

The alternative options considered and reasons for rejection were set out in the exempt report.

Resolved

- That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved.

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed