

## **Executive Cabinet**

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require Council decisions appear as separate items on the agenda.

## **GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2020**

### **Draft budget 2020/21 and summary position over the medium term**

2. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the report of the Chief Finance Officer which sets out the budget position for 2020/21 including the forecast for the following 2 years to 2022/23 and also presents the relevant proposals in respect of the use of forecast resources identified in 2020/21 and budget consultation.
3. Members noted there was no proposed increase in council tax in 2021/22 or 2022/23 due to the investments made by the Council and the efficiencies achieved. This would be revisited every year and be dependent upon the outcome of the Government announcements regarding the Fair Funding Review and Business Rates Retention. It was also noted that investment of approximately £1m would be continued to deliver corporate strategy priorities alongside strategies to reduce the budget deficit in the medium term.
4. In response to Members' questions, it was noted that the Council were liaising with local groups and Parish Councils regarding VE Day celebrations, that the investment in the markets would be well publicised, and that considerations for Armed Forces Day were underway. We approved the recommendations within the report.

### **Review of Fees & Charges**

5. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the report of the Chief Finance Officer which revises some of the discretionary fees and charges the council currently makes to bring the income in line with the cost of delivering these services. We approved the recommendations within the report.

### **Strawberry Fields Digital Office Hub - Grant of Leases**

6. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the report of the Director (Commercial Services) which seeks authority for the grant of leases for offices at the Strawberry Fields Digital Office Hub. It was noted that 65% of fixed office space had been let or was under offer. We approved the recommendations.

### **Community Resilience**

7. Councillor Beverley Murray, Executive Member (Early Intervention and Support), presented the report of the Director (Early Intervention and Support) which presents the Council's Community Resilience Framework as the guidance tool to inform how we engage and work with communities to increase resilience and

deliver better outcomes for communities and residents. We approved the recommendations.

### **Whittle GP Surgery**

8. Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Member (Economic Development and Public Service Reform), presented the confidential report of the Director (Commercial Services) which seeks approvals for the appointment of a contractor to undertake the remaining design and construction of Whittle GP Surgery. We approved the recommendations within the report.

### **Strawberry Fields Digital Office Hub - Grant of a Lease - Office 41, 42 & 43**

9. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the confidential report of the Director (Commercial Services) which seeks approval to terms agreed for the Grant of a 3-year lease of Offices 41, 42 & 43 at Strawberry Fields Digital Office Hub. We approved the recommendations within the report.

### **LCC service changes affecting Home Improvement Agency service delivery**

10. Councillor Graham Dunn, Executive Member (Homes and Housing), presented the confidential report of the Director (Early Intervention and Support) regarding the cessation of the Integrated Home Improvement Service (IHIS) which is funded by Lancashire County Council (LCC), and LCC's intention to withdraw from the supply and maintenance of lifting and other equipment provided under Disabled Facilities Grant. We approved the recommendations within the report.

### **Recommendation**

11. To note the report.

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