

COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2022

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 22 February 2022. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

5 RE-OPENING OF ASTLEY HALL

1. To introduce an admission fee for entry into Astley Hall as set out in this report.
2. To agree a concessionary rate for residents.
3. To note the increased opening hours of the Hall to provide more opportunities for people to visit.
4. To approve the other related fees and charges, including weddings, as set out in Appendix A.

6 FAIR COLLECTION CHARTER

1. To adopt the new Fair Collection Charter.
2. To delegate authority to the Executive Member (Customer and Streetscene Services) to approve cost-neutral changes to the policy.

7 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SHARED SERVICES

1. That the principles for the shared services relationship with South Ribble Borough Council set out at paragraph 23 be approved.
2. That the approach to the future development of shared services set out at paragraph 24 be approved.
3. To approve the creation of a Strategic Lead (Future Investments) as a shared post.
4. To approve the creation of a Director of Change and Delivery as a shared post.
5. To approve for consultation the creation of a permanent shared arrangement for development projects, with authority delegated to the Leader to approve the final arrangements.
6. To approve for consultation the creation of a shared pest control service, with authority delegated to the Leader to approve the final arrangements.
7. To adjust the membership of the Shared Services Joint Appointments Panel to include one additional Cabinet Member from each council, in recognition of the central role that shared services now plays in the appointment of Chief Officers.

8 RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To approve the proposals for the recruitment for a new Chief Executive

9 REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022-2025

- a) Approve the budget and proposals set out in this report, including the level of Council Tax as set out in the Formal Council Tax Resolution, including Special Expenses & Parish Precepts 2022/23, at Appendix A;
- b) Note the advice of the Chief Finance Officer in relation to the robustness of the estimates within the overall budget, including the risks contained within it and the adequacy of the proposed level of financial reserves, as set out in the Statutory Report at Appendices B1 – B3;
- c) Approve the council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) at Appendix C;
- d) Note the council's forecast Cumulative Budget Deficit and Budget Strategy 2021-22 to 2024-25 at Appendix D;
- e) Note the analysis of the movement in the 2022/23 Budget from the position approved by Council in February 2021 at Appendix E;
- f) Approve the capital programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25 (Appendices F1, F2 & F3);
- g) Approve the Capital Strategy at Appendix G;
- h) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy at Appendix H and note the advice of the treasury management consultants at Appendix H1;
- i) Approve the council's Pay Policy at Appendix I for publication on the council's website from April 2022;
- j) Note the budget consultation 2022/23 Report at Appendix J;
- k) Note the Assessing the Impact of Budget Proposals 2022/23 Report at Appendix K.

11 NOTICE OF MOTION

To commit to funding the proposals in the Conservative group amendment in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 for a period of three years subject to successful update and implementation, to be funded from general reserves.

12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Approved.

13 BENGAL STREET PROJECT UPDATE - CAPITAL BUDGET

To approve the creation of a £1.1m budget in the capital programme from grant funding secured through the BLRF in the further development of the Bengal Street depot site.

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