

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 20 January 2022

Fees and Charges 2022/23

2. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the report of the Director of Finance which sets out the current position around fees and charges and proposals for 2022/23.
3. We noted the appendix which details the key fees and charges budgets across a number of different categories. Although not exhaustive, the list gives an indication of the core fees involved.
4. We supported the increase to the garden waste collection charge recognising that this was designed to cover an increase in costs and not for profit. We discussed a commitment to not seek to make significant profit from this service going forward but understood that some degree of flexibility was required to cover any potential additional costs throughout the year. It was agreed that a breakdown of costs to deliver the garden waste collection service could be provided, as requested. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Draft Budget 2022/23

5. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources) presented the report of the Director of Finance which sets out the budget position for 2022/23 including the forecast for the following 2 years to 2024/25 and also presents the relevant proposals in respect of the use of forecast resources identified for 2022/23 and the budget consultation.
6. We noted the proposed council tax increase of 1.99% for 2022/23 and the assumption of a 1.99% increase in 2023/24 and 2024/25; this assumption will be revisited every year and will be dependent on the outcome of the future Government funding announcements. It was also noted that continued investment is reflected in ongoing revenue budgets to ensure delivery of corporate strategy priorities, alongside capital investments of over £48m and strategies to reduce the budget deficit over the medium term.
7. Consultation on the proposed budget for 2022/23 will commence following approval of the proposals by Executive Cabinet. We approved the recommendations in the report.

Chorley Council Climate Change Strategy; Approval to Consult

8. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources) presented the report of the Director of Planning and Development which seeks approval to undertake a process of consultation on the draft Climate Change Strategy.

9. The Draft Climate Change Strategy sets out the Council's vision, strategic aims, priorities, and action plan for climate change for the period 2022-24. It is intentionally a non-technical document which aims to set out in an accessible format what we want to deliver for Chorley and how we will go about it.
10. It is anticipated that a public consultation will run for 8 weeks from early February 2022 to the end of March 2022, before taking to the Executive Member (Resources) for approval to adopt.
11. We welcomed the report and draft strategy and recognised the importance of partnership working to enable the delivery of the council's climate change vision, aims and action plan. We approved the recommendations in the report.

Shared Customer Services and Revenues and Benefits Review

12. Councillor Adrian Lowe, Executive Member (Streetscene and Customer Services) presented the report of the Director of Customer Services which outlines the background, approach and findings of the service review for Chorley and South Ribble Councils' Customer Services and Revenues and Benefits, setting out recommendations for the service restructure and service development plan.
13. This report also includes feedback and changes made through presenting the proposals to Shared Services Joint Committee and formal consultation. This has included increasing the number of posts from 84 to 90 to allow for extra capacity for the service.
14. We welcomed the report and discussed the additional six apprenticeship posts to take the number of posts from 84 to 90 and recognised that the annual contribution from reserves towards the apprentices will be £91k for Chorley; although this was part of a saving of £206k overall. We approved the recommendations in the report.

Key Contracts and Partnerships

15. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources) presented the confidential report of the Deputy Chief Executive which provides an update on the performance of the council's key partnership arrangements. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Surrender of Existing Lease and Grant of a New Lease – Unit 31-33 Market Walk – Peacock Stores Limited

16. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources) presented the confidential report of the Director of Commercial Services which seeks approval to the terms provisionally agreed by the Council's Consultant Surveyor for the surrender and renewal of the lease of unit 31-33 Market Walk to Peacocks Stores Properties Ltd., who have been holding over on the original lease term which expired on the 31 December 2020. It also seeks authorisation for the Council's Legal Officers to draw up the necessary lease documentation as per

the approved Heads of Terms. We approved the recommendations within the report.

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17. We noted the confidential appendices.

Recommendations

18. To note the report.

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