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# **Notice of Meeting**

# **To All Members of Chichester District Council**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **THE COUNCIL** which will be held in the **Committee Rooms - East Pallant House** on **Tuesday 27 February 2024** at **2.00 pm** for the transaction of the business set out in the agenda below.

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DIANE SHEPHERD Chief Executive

#### 19 February 2024

# AGENDA

 Minutes (Pages 1 - 16) Members are requested to approve as correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2024.

#### 2 Urgent Items

The Chair will announce any urgent items which due to special circumstances are to be dealt with under Late Items.

#### 3 **Declarations of Interests**

Members and officers are reminded to make any declarations of disclosable pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in respect of matters on the agenda for this meeting.

### 4 Chair's Announcements

Apologies for absence will be notified at this point.

The Chair will make any specific announcements.

### 5 **Public Question Time**

In accordance with Chichester District Council's scheme for public question time the Council will receive any questions which have been submitted by members of the public in writing by noon two working days before the meeting. Each questioner will be given up to three minutes to ask their question. The total time allocated for public question time is 15 minutes subject to the Chair's discretion to extend that period.

# **RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CABINET**

To consider the following recommendations of the Cabinet requiring the approval of the Council.

6 **Draft Capital Strategy 2024-25 to 2028-29** Members are requested to consider the report and its appendix found on pages 13-39 of the Cabinet agenda for 6 February 2024 and make the following resolution:

# That the Council's draft Capital Strategy for 2024- 25 to 2028-29 be approved.

# 7 Budget Spending Plans 2024-25 (Page 17)

Members are requested to consider the report and its appendices found on pages 41-114 of the Cabinet agenda for 6 February 2024. A revised Budget Summary Statement 2024-25 is also attached at page 17 of the agenda pack to this meeting following the budget amendment agreed at the Cabinet meeting (resolution h below).

Members are therefore requested to make the following resolutions:

- a) That a net budget requirement of £17,618,700 for 2024-25 be approved.
- b) That Council Tax be increased by £5.41 from £181.07 to £186.48 for a Band D equivalent in 2024-25.
- c) That the New Homes Bonus (NHB) be treated as general revenue funding as set out in para 4.6 and 4.7.
- d) The capital programme, including the asset renewal programme (appendices 1c and 1d of the agenda report) be approved.
- e) The capital prudential indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy (appendix 4 of the agenda report) be approved.
- f) That £1.11m is transferred from the General Fund Reserve to the Investment Risk Reserve to reduce the risk for the movements in fair value statutory override ending on 31 March 2025.
- g) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Growth and Place to spend the £150k allocated from the West Sussex Business Rate Pool for economic development purposes, following consultation with the Cabinet member for Economic Development and Place.
- h) To allocate a total of £22.5k from reserves to be released to Bourne Community College (BCC) in two tranches: £15k in academic year 2024-25 and £7.5k in academic year 2025-26. Each year the release of funds would be subject to the school filling the funding gap and retaining the Think Family worker post.

# 8 **Council Tax Resolution** (Pages 19 - 30) Members are requested to consider the report and its appendices and make the following resolution:

That having considered the Cabinet's budget proposals from their meeting of 6 February 2024, Council are asked to also approve the Council Tax Resolutions as set out in Appendix A.

### 9 **Draft Treasury Management and Investment Strategy**

Members are requested to consider the report and its appendices as set out on pages 115-169 of the Cabinet agenda for 6 February 2024 and make the following resolution:

That the Treasury Management Policy Statement, the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the Investment Strategy, and relevant Indicators for 2024-25 be approved.

10 **Making the Southbourne Modified Neigbourhood Development Plan** Members are requested to consider the report as set out on page 205-207 of the Cabinet agenda for 6 February 2024 and make the following resolution:

That following the successful referendum result on 25 January Council make the Southbourne Modified Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Development Plan for Chichester District (excluding the area within the South Downs National Park).

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMITTEES**

None.

#### OTHER REPORTS

None.

#### 11 Late Items

To consider any late items as follows:

- a) Items added to the agenda papers and made available for public inspection.
- b) Items which the Chair has agreed should be taken as matters of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be reported at the meeting.

#### 12 Exclusion of the press and public

The Council is asked to consider whether the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of exemption under Parts I to 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated against the item and because, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### <u>NOTES</u>

1) The press and public may be excluded from the meeting during any item of business wherever it is likely that there would be disclosure of 'exempt information' as defined in section 100A of and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

2) The press and public may view the report appendices which are not included with their copy of the agenda on the Council's website at Chichester District Council - Minutes, agendas and reports unless they contain exempt information.

3) Subject to Covid-19 Risk Assessments members of the public are advised of the following;

- Where a member of the public has registered a question they will be invited to attend the meeting and will be issued a seat in the public gallery.
- You are advised not to attend any face to face meeting if you have symptoms of Covid.

4) Subject to the provisions allowing the exclusion of the press and public, the photographing, filming or recording of this meeting from the public seating area is permitted. To assist with the management of the meeting, anyone wishing to do this is asked to inform the chairman of the meeting of their intentions before the meeting starts. The use of mobile devices for access to social media is permitted, but these should be switched to silent for the duration of the meeting. Those undertaking such activities must do so discreetly and not disrupt the meeting, for example by oral commentary, excessive noise, distracting movement or flash photography. Filming of children, vulnerable adults or members of the audience who object should be avoided. [Standing Order 11.3 of Chichester District Council's Constitution]

#### **MEMBERS**

Mrs C Apel Mr J Cross Mr I Ballantyne Mrs T Bangert Mr R Bates Mr D Betts Mr S Boulcott Mr B Brisbane Mr R Briscoe Mr J Brookes-Harmer Mr J Brown Ms J Brown-Fuller Ms B Burkhart Mrs H Burton Mx R Chant Mr M Chilton Ms M Corfield Ms H Desai

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