



## THE CABINET

Tuesday 7 July 2020

### NOTIFICATION TO COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE DECISIONS MADE

The Cabinet made the decisions below at its meeting on Tuesday 7 July 2020.

Each decision save for those which are recommendations to the Council will come into effect at 10:00 on Wednesday 15 July 2020 unless it is called in under the procedure set out in Chichester District Council's Constitution.

Any decisions marked by an asterisk are considered to be urgent or are recommendations and are not subject to the call-in procedure.

AGENDA ITEM NO	AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION AND DECISION
5	<p><b>Financial Impact of Covid-19</b></p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. That the minimum level of reserves be reduced to £4m.</li><li>II. That up to £8,070,000 be released from reserves to address the in-year impact of the pandemic.</li><li>III. That the Council should work towards achieving a balanced budget over the next 5 years, using reserves in the intervening years to help balance the budget.</li><li>IV. That officers continue to pursue income generating initiatives, where there is a sufficiently robust business case, as part of the recovery process.</li></ul>
6	<p><b>Covid 19 - Recovery Plan</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) that the recommendations and comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 30 June 2020 be considered;</li><li>b) that the serious impact Covid -19 has had on the Council's finances be noted and taken into account when considering this report;</li><li>c) that the Governance arrangements as set out in appendix 6 be approved and;</li><li>d) that progress on the Recovery Action Plans and Future Services</li></ul>

Framework be reported to the Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committee every 3 months.

**\*RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

- (a) the Covid 19 Recovery Action Plans for the four thematic areas as set out in appendices 1-4 as amended;
- (b) the future services framework as set out in appendix 5;
- (c) the following policy options:
  - (i) to forego the Homefinder's fee at a cost of £20k pa;
  - (ii) to contribute up to £20k towards an economic impact study for Novium, CFT and PHG. To be funded from reserves;
  - (iii) to increase the current level of support for Visit Chichester by £100k per year in years 2020/21, 2021/22 & 2022/23 and provide new support of £130k per year in 2023/24 & 2024/25, and that delegated powers is given to the Director for Growth and Place to approve a new Service Level Agreement with Visit Chichester following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cabinet Member for Growth, Place and Regeneration;
  - (iv) to create a new grants fund of £500k. To include £250k for a Community Recovery Grants Fund and £250k for an Economic Recovery Grants Fund, and that delegated powers are given to the Director of Housing & Communities and the Director of Growth and Place to approve criteria for the grants following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cabinet Member for Growth, Place and Regeneration respectively. To be funded by reducing the sum allocated for parish NHB grants by an equivalent amount.

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**Vision Review and support to the High Street**

**RESOLVED**

1. That the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on the 30 June on the vision reviews for Chichester, Midhurst, Petworth, Selsey and East wittering and Bracklesham be noted and that the support to the Visions continue as set out in section 5.1be approved.
2. That the setting up of a High Street Group led by the Cabinet Member for Property, Growth and Regeneration to support the recovery and transformation of Chichester High Street be approved.
3. That the Cabinet Member for Property, Growth and Regeneration invites

	<p>representation from partner organisations and retailers as set out in section 5.1 to work on the group along with the nominated representative from the OSC Committee.</p> <p>4. That the support for the High Street recovery and transformation in Midhurst, Petworth, Selsey and East Wittering and Bracklesham be coordinated through the existing Vision Groups, Towns and Parish Council.</p>
8	<p><b>Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Decision Statement as set out in the appendix be approved for publication.</li> <li>2. That the examiner's recommendation that the Neighbourhood Development Plan proceed to referendum, subject to modifications as set out in the Decision Statement be approved.</li> </ol>
9	<p><b>Selsey Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Decision Statement as set out in the appendix, along with the Final Environmental Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Selsey Neighbourhood Plan and Non-Technical Summary (October 2019), be published and;</li> <li>2. following expiry of a six week period, and subject to no legal challenge being received, that the examiner's recommendation that the Neighbourhood Development Plan proceed to referendum, subject to modifications as set out in the amended Decision Statement, be approved.</li> </ol>
10	<p><b>Discretionary Council Tax Hardship Fund (Covid-19) Policy</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the proposed Discretionary Council Tax Hardship Fund Policy for 2020/2021 be approved.</li> <li>2. That Cabinet allow for monthly review of this policy with any changes being agreed by the Director of Housing &amp; Communities following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services, Revenues, Benefits &amp; Customer Services.</li> </ol>

11	<p><b>Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Dogs Public Consultation Exercise</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the attached draft Public Spaces Protection Order 2020 – Control of Dogs and schedules and maps (Appendices 1-4) as amended be approved for the purpose of public consultation.</li> <li>2. That the commencement of a public consultation exercise on the draft Public Spaces Protection Order 2020 – Control of Dogs be approved.</li> </ol>
12	<p><b>Urgent Notice - Business Rates Grants Discretionary Fund</b></p> <p><b>*RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Urgent Notice be noted.</p>
15	<p><b>Increasing the provision of short stay accommodation at Freeland Close</b></p> <p><b>*RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the updated Project Initiation Document in Appendix 1 be approved.</li> <li>2. That the additional funding requirements of the scheme as yet not released and detailed in paragraph 8.1 be approved.</li> <li>3. That delegated powers be granted to the Director of Housing and Communities and the Director of Corporate Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate Services, Revenues and Benefits, to award the development contract.</li> </ol>

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