

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 28 January 2025

CALL-IN BY MONDAY, 3rd February 2025, 5pm

Subject

Budget Report 2025/26

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL the contents of Appendix 1, the budget report, being:

- i. The new Revenue and Capital investments in Council Services shown in **Section 5**
- ii. The delegations to undertake the new capital schemes identified in **Section 5**, Tables 12a and 12b
- iii. The Revenue Budgets in **Section 10** and Capital Budgets in **Section 11**
- iv. An increase in the average Band D level of Council Tax for the City Council to £228.07 (2.96%), the maximum allowed before a referendum, in **Section 9**
- v. The movement in reserves shown in **Section 7**
- vi. The Budget forecast in **Section 7** and in **Section 8** the s151 officer's review of the budget, which Members are required to note.
- vii. Special expenses, Parish and Tier Councils' precepts as identified in **Section 9**, Table 22 (These will not be available until Full Council).
- viii. Delegation to the Chief Executive to agree, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the pay award for 2025/26 within the normal financial delegations.

RESOLVED that;

- i. A delegation to the S151 Officer to update the budget report for Parish and Tier precepts, changes to final Government settlement, and Business Rate Retention income following completion of NNDR1 statutory return to Government, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance.
- ii. A delegation to S151 officer to prepare a legal Budget resolution for submission to Council for consideration after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance.
- iii. The changes to fees and charges determined by Full Council on 18th December 2024 as reflected in Section 4.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The recommended budget would be prudent and in the best financial interests of the city.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Capital, Treasury Management & Investment Strategies 2025/26

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL that they approve the Capital, Treasury Management and Investment Strategies.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The proposed Strategies met statutory requirements for the production of a treasury management strategy that achieved an acceptable balance between risk and return and capital and investment strategies that ensured the proper financial management of the Council's resources.

Action by

P Reeves

Subject

Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Scheme 2025/26

Decision

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL that the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024-25 be retained as the Scheme for 2025-26.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The existing scheme would be affordable to the Council and fair to recipients of Council Tax support.

Action by

R Hawes

Subject

Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy 2025/26

Decision

RESOLVED that the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy 2025/26 be agreed.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The updated policy took account of Government changes in business rate liabilities.

Action by

R Hawes

Subject

Anglia Ruskin University – Strategic Masterplan Chelmsford Campus

Decision

RESOLVED that the masterplan be approved.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

The Masterplan had been recommended to Cabinet by the Policy Board, no further changes had been made and Cabinet were happy with it.

Action by

J Potter

Subject

Waterhouse Lane Car Park

Decision

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

Status

No call-in as yet.

Reason for Decision

Cabinet were just asked to note the contents of the report.

Action by

P Brookes
