

## CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 29 JANUARY 2019

**CALL-IN BY MONDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2019 (5pm)**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reasons for decision/ Action by</u>
<b>Options for Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20</b>	Urgent? – No Subject to Council? – Yes, on 27 February 2019  <b>CALL-IN NOT APPLICABLE</b>	The Council was recommended to adopt a Local Council Tax Scheme in 2019/20 that would retain most of the existing scheme but make changes to the rules relating to the assessment of LCTS for working age applicants	To respond to legislative requirements and to put in place a scheme that will be, as far as possible, equitable and affordable and will not result in lower collection rates  <b>B Mayfield/R Hawes</b>
<b>Amendment to Business Rate Discretionary Relief Policy</b>	Urgent? – No Subject to Council? – No  <b>NO CALL-IN AS YET</b>	The proposed changes to the policy, involving the addition of a new Retail Discount, removal of the Pub Relief Scheme and rationalisation of the policy's format were approved	To respond to Government requests that local authorities use their discretionary relief powers to amend business rate reliefs, discounts and exemptions  <b>R Hawes</b>
<b>Council Tax – Changes to Charges and Discounts for Empty Properties</b>	Urgent? – No Subject to Council? – Yes, on 27 February 2019  <b>CALL-IN NOT APPLICABLE</b>	The Council was recommended to increase the Council Tax premium charged on properties which have been empty for two years or more from 50% up to the maximum of 100% from 1 April 2019	To encourage owners of long-term empty properties to bring them back into use whilst not penalising owners of properties temporarily empty  <b>B Mayfield/R Hawes</b>

<b>Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20</b>	Urgent? – No Subject to Council? – Yes, on 27 February 2019	It was agreed to recommend to the Council the adoption of the treasury management strategy and prudential indicators for 2019/20	To meet statutory requirements and to agree an investment strategy that achieves an acceptable balance between risk and return
	<b>CALL-IN NOT APPLICABLE</b>		<b>B Mayfield/P Reeves</b>
<b>Revenue Estimates 2019/20</b>	Urgent? – No Subject to Council? – Yes, on 27 February 2019	The Cabinet recommended to the Council an original budget for 2019/20, as detailed in the report to the meeting.	To meet the statutory requirement to recommend to the Council an annual budget, and to recommend a budget that is prudent whilst maintaining service standards and commitments
	<b>CALL-IN NOT APPLICABLE</b>		<b>B Mayfield/P Reeves</b>
<b>Capital and Investment Strategy 2019/20</b>	Urgent? – No Subject to Council? – Yes, on 27 February 2019	The proposed strategy for making and managing investments was recommended to the Council for adoption	To meet statutory requirements for the production of such a strategy, in the interests of proper financial management of the Council's resources
	<b>CALL-IN NOT APPLICABLE</b>		<b>B Mayfield/P Reeves</b>
<b>Capital Programme Update</b>	Urgent? – No Subject to Council? – In part, on 27 February 2019	The actions in recommendation 1 relating to urgent expenditure on certain schemes was approved. The Council was recommended to agree the remaining new capital schemes, budgets and asset replacement programme as set out in recommendation 2	To respond to the need for urgent spending on some schemes and to update the overall capital programme to reflect spending priorities
	<b>CALL-IN NOT APPLICABLE</b>		<b>B Mayfield/P Reeves</b>

**Allocation and Spending of Community Infrastructure Levy**

Urgent? – No

Subject to Council? – No

**NO CALL-IN AS YET**

The four projects recommended for the allocation of CIL funding were approved; project 6 would be approved if more details of the scheme were received and were satisfactory; and the remaining projects were not agreed

To allocate CIL funding to eligible projects that would benefit the wider community

**S Graham**

**Drakes Farm Plot, North-East Chelmsford**

Urgent? – No

Subject to Council? – No

**NO CALL-IN AS YET**

The Cabinet agreed to

- (i) allow the landowner of the selected site for the potential provision of a Gypsy and Traveller site, to transfer the freehold interest of the land (substantially in the form of a separate Drakes Farm Transfer Agreement) directly to the Registered Provider, and not first to Chelmsford City Council;
- (ii) upon their acquisition of the freehold interest of the land, the Registered Provider to undertake the servicing works necessary to make the site fit for human habitation and occupation; and
- (iii) Chelmsford City Council to transfer the commuted sum to cover the full costs of servicing works to the Registered Provider in staged payments, in accordance with a separate Drakes Farm staged payments agreement, to be entered into between the Council and the Registered Provider.

To meet the requirement to provide a suitable site for gypsies and travellers in north-east Chelmsford and to enable the site to be managed by a Registered Provider

**K Short**