

5 February 2018



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE MID SUFFOLK CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018**

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 14 February 2018 unless the call- in procedure is activated:

MCa/17/39 - Matter referred by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That prior to any future shared services or partnership working arrangements, a full and proper business case be prepared and be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for pre-scrutiny

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure that Overview and Scrutiny Members are provided with a full and proper business case in relation to future shared services or partnership working arrangements.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To not approve the recommendation made by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/17/41 - Joint Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 including the Annual Investment Strategy as set out in Appendix A to paper JAC/17/15 be approved.

- 1.2 That the Treasury Management Policy Statement set out in Appendix B to paper JAC/17/15 be approved.
- 1.3 That the Treasury Management Indicators set out in Appendix E to Paper JAC/17/15 be approved.
- 1.4 That the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement set out in Appendix F (subject to an amendment to correct the figures in the Capital Financing – General Fund for Mid Suffolk to reflect the error identified by the Committee) and Appendix G to Paper JAC/17/15 be approved.
- 1.5 That the key factors and information relating to and affecting Treasury Management activities set out in Appendices C, D and H to Paper JAC/17/15 be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure that Members approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19, including the Annual Investment Strategy.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To not approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: Yes

MCa/17/42 - Joint Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2018/19 Budget

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the Joint Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Budget proposals set out in the report be approved.
- 1.2 That the final General Fund Budget for 2018/19 is based on a council tax increase of 0.5%, an increase of 81p per annum for a Band D property to support the Council's overall financial position be approved.
- 1.3 That the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Investment Strategy 2018/19 to 2022/23 and HRA Budget for 2018/19 be agreed.
- 1.4 That the mandatory decrease of 1% in Council House rents, equivalent to an average rent reduction of £0.83 a week, as required by the Welfare Reform and Work Act be implemented.
- 1.5 That the Sheltered Housing Supported people cost of £3 per week be removed and Service charges be increased by £5 per week for each scheme (set at £4 cap per week last year) meaning a net increase of £2 per week to tenants. This will reduce the subsidy by £30k.
- 1.6 That Sheltered Housing utility charges are kept at the same level.
- 1.7 That in principle, Right to Buy receipts should be retained to enabled continued development and acquisition of new council dwellings.

- 1.8 That garage rents are kept at the same level.
- 1.9 That the revised HRA Business Plan in Appendix E be noted.
- 1.10 That the Capital Programme in Appendix D be agreed.
- 1.11 That the offer to participate for Mid Suffolk in the Business Rate Pilot for 2018/19 as set out in paragraph 11.9 to 11.10 in the report be accepted.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure that Members approve the budget proposals for 2018/19, Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Council Tax for 2018/19.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The alternative option is that we do not report the budget proposals for 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Strategy, we fail in our statutory duty to set the Council tax for 2018/19.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: Yes

MCa/17/43 - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - Framework for CIL Expenditure

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the current thinking around a framework for CIL expenditure be noted and used as a basis for development of a detailed CIL expenditure framework.
- 1.2 That the creation of a Panel comprising of three Members from each Council to shape the development of a detailed CIL expenditure framework be approved.
- 1.3 That the framework be returned to Cabinet for consideration and agreement before being presented to Full Council as a key decision for both Councils.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure member involvement in the development of the framework before this is presented to Full Council for approval.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To not create a Panel comprising of three Members from each Council nor develop a detailed CIL expenditure framework.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/17/44 - Joint Babergh Mid Suffolk Economic Development "Open for Business" Strategy

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the Joint Babergh Mid Suffolk Economic Development “Open for Business” Strategy attached as Appendix A in the report be endorsed.

Reason for Decisions:

To accessibly set out the local strategic approach towards meeting and positively impacting upon district level and broader economic challenges, and expressing our offer to the business community.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To not endorse the Joint Babergh Mid Suffolk Economic Development “Open for Business” Strategy.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/17/45 - Wingfield Barns Community Interest Company (WBCIC) Update Report

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the current revenue budget of £6000 (which provides support for the WBCIC) is transferred to the Communities Grant budget.
- 1.2 That the initial grant payment of £6000 is made to WBCIC for 2018/19.
- 1.3 That a further £12000 of grant funding is available to WBCIC to apply for during the next two years, to apply for this additional grant WBCIC will need to include a business case as part of the application which outlines how the organisation will achieve sustainability.
- 1.4 That a maximum total of £18000 will be the final revenue grant support made available by MSDC to WBCIC.
- 1.5 That the rental charge for 2018/19 is waived in keeping with the terms of the WBCIC lease.
- 1.6 That an annual revenue budget of £15000 is established to meet landlord obligations at the Wingfield Barns site and that this budget is administered by Property Services.

That further work is carried out to explore, the potential for a new cost effective and efficient heating system for the site and consideration of the lease to enable subletting of some of the parts of the site by the WBCIC.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure that Members approve the grant funding to the WBCIC

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That the grant funding is not approved.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: Councillor Kearsley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 12 “MCa/17/45 - Wingfield Barns Community Interest Company (WBCIC) Update Report” as Secretary to WBCIC. Councillor Stringer declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 12 “MCa/17/45 – Wingfield Barns Community Interest Company (WBCIC)

Update report as a Director of the John Peel Centre where he also administers art equipment which Wingfield Barns occasionally use.

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/17/46 - Regal Theatre Stowmarket Improvement Project (Part 1)

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That Option 3 (as per paragraph 8.6 of the report), the funding of up to £2.56m, (Loan and Grant) from the Transformation Fund, to support the redevelopment of the Regal Theatre and the regeneration of Stowmarket Town Centre be approved.
- 1.2 That the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and the Cabinet Member for Finance, negotiates and enters into a legal agreement between Mid Suffolk District Council and Stowmarket Town Council for a £1m loan and £1.56m capital grant (as per paragraphs 3.2, 4.2 and 4.3) be authorised.
- 1.3 That funding of up to £15000 from the Transformation Fund, for the remodelling of Ipswich Road car park (referred to in paragraphs 10.6 and 10.7 of the report) which will result in a reduction of, no more than, 10% of the total number of parking spaces available be approved.
- 1.4 To establish with Stowmarket Town Council an integrated project team to ensure project delivery.

Reason for Decisions:

The recommendations to support the redevelopment and financial sustainability of the Regal Theatre, the regeneration of Stowmarket Town Centre and provides wider social and economic benefits to Stowmarket and the surrounding areas.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The following options have been considered prior to the recommendations, in section 2 of the report: -

Option 1-MSDC not providing financial support

Option 2-MSDC only providing financial support in the form of a loan to STC

Option 3-MSDC providing support through a capital grant and a loan (over 30yrs)

Any Declarations of Interest declared: Councillor Brewster and Councillor Gowrley declared non-pecuniary interests in Agenda Item 13 "MCa/17/46 - Regal Theatre Stowmarket Improvement Project" as Stowmarket Town Councillors. Councillor Stringer declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as a Director of the John Peel Centre in Stowmarket.

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/17/46 - Regal Theatre Stowmarket Improvement Project (Part 2)

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 The recommendation as set out in the report MCa/17/46 – Part 2 be approved subject

to minor amendments

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That the recommendation not be approved.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: Councillor Brewster and Councillor Gowrley declared non-pecuniary interests in Agenda Item 13 “MCa/17/46 - Regal Theatre Stowmarket Improvement Project” as Stowmarket Town Councillors. Councillor Stringer declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as a Director of the John Peel Centre in Stowmarket.

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/17/48 - Strategic Acquisition of Property - Part 2

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 The recommendation as set out in the report MCa/17/48 be approved, subject to a minor amendment, and that the decision was taken on the grounds of urgency and as such cannot reasonably be deferred as the property will be auctioned before the next scheduled Cabinet meeting and the cost was likely to exceed the key decision threshold. Under paragraph 17 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules within Part 3 of the Council’s Constitution **THIS DECISION IS EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY.**