

Monday, 13 January 2020



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

DECISIONS BY THE MID SUFFOLK CABINET CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 21 JANUARY 2020

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 22 January 2020 unless the call-in procedure is activated. For clarity, where an item is 'to be noted', 'received' or recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply.

MCa/19/37 DRAFT GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2020/21

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the draft General Fund Budget proposals for 2020/21 and four-year outlook set out in the report be endorsed for recommendation to Council on 27 February 2020, subject to further consideration at the next Cabinet meeting on 10 February 2020.
- 1.2 That the draft General Fund Budget for 2020/21 is based on an increase to Council Tax of 1.66%, which equates to £2.76 per annum (5p per week) for a Band D property, to support the Council's overall financial position, which will be considered further at the February Cabinet meeting.
- 1.3 That from 1 April 2020 properties that are unoccupied and unfurnished (Class C discount) receive a 25% reduction for the first 28 days as set out in section 11 of the report.

Reason for Decision: To bring together all the relevant information to enable Cabinet Members to review, consider and comment upon the Council's General Fund budget before the February Cabinet and recommendations to Council.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: The General Fund Budget for 2020/21 and four-year outlook is an essential element in achieving a balanced budget and sustainable medium-term position. Setting a balanced budget for the coming year is a statutory requirement, therefore no other options are appropriate in respect of this.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/19/38 DRAFT HRA BUDGET 2020/21

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the draft HRA Budget proposals for 2020/21 and four-year outlook set out in the report and detailed below be endorsed for recommendation to Council on 27 February 2020, subject to further consideration at the next Cabinet meeting on 10 February 2020.
- 1.2 That the CPI + 1% increase of 2.7% in Council House rents, equivalent to an average rent increase of £2.19 a week be implemented.
- 1.3 That garage rents are kept at the same level as 2019/20.
- 1.4 That Sheltered Housing Service charges be increased by £2 per week to ensure recovery of the actual cost of service.
- 1.5 That Sheltered Housing utility charges be increased by 5% (average £0.62 increase per week).
- 1.6 That the budgeted deficit of £612k be transferred from the HRA Reserves in 2020/21.
- 1.7 That in principle, Right to Buy (RTB) receipts should be retained to enable continued development and acquisition of new council dwellings.
- 1.8 That the revised HRA Business Plan in Appendix B of the report be noted.

Reason for Decision: To bring together all the relevant information to enable Cabinet Members to review, consider and comment upon the Councils Housing Revenue Account budget before the February Cabinet and recommendations to Council.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: The Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2020/21 and four-year outlook is an essential element in achieving a balanced budget and sustainable medium-term position, therefore no other options are appropriate in respect of this.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/19/39 EYE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That Eye Town Council be requested to make the necessary modifications to their Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations.
- 1.2 That, subject to the satisfactory completion of the above (to be agreed by the Corporate

Manager for Strategic Planning), this Neighbourhood Plan be advanced to a local referendum covering the parish of Eye.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Council to meet its statutory obligations under Section 17A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and to allow the Eye Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to a local referendum.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

- 1.1 A local planning authority may propose to make a decision on a recommendation that differs from that set out by the Examiner in their report. If so, it must give its reason why and undertake further consultation before issuing a final decision. As appropriate, this may require the matter to be re-examined. For the reasons set out in section 4 of the report, this option has been discarded.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/19/40 FRESSINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was RESOLVED:-

That this Neighbourhood Plan be advanced to a local referendum covering the parish of Fressingfield.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Council to meet its statutory obligations under Section 17A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and to allow the Fressingfield Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to a local referendum.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

- 1.1 A local planning authority may propose to make a decision on a recommendation that differs from that set out by the Examiner in their report. If so, it must give its reason why and undertake further consultation before issuing a final decision. As appropriate, this may require the matter to be re-examined. For the reasons set out in section 4 of the report, this option has been discarded.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None