

Thursday, 16 January 2020



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 24 JANUARY 2020

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 27 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.

BCa/19/30 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 26 February 2020, subject to further consideration at the next Cabinet meeting on 11 February 2020.
- 1.2 That the draft General Fund Budget for 2020/21 is based on an increase to Council Tax of £5 per annum (10p per week) for a Band D property, which is equivalent to 3.1%, 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

BCa/19/31 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 26 February 2020, subject to further consideration at the next Cabinet meeting on 11 February 2020.
- 1.2 That the CPI + 1% increase of 2.7% in Council House rents, equivalent to an average rent increase of £2.38 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 are kept at the same level as 2019/20.
- 1.6 That the budgeted surplus of £298k be transferred to 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 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