

Thursday, 10 December 2020



## BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

### DECISIONS NOTICE

#### DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 18 DECEMBER 2020

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 21 December 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/20/11 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2020/21 - QUARTER 2**

**It was RESOLVED:**

**That the Council's financial position at the end of quarter 2 was noted by Cabinet.**

**Reason for Decision:** To ensure that Councillors are kept informed of the current budgetary position for both General Fund Revenue and Capital.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** At this stage in the year, the financial position is for noting only.

**Any Declarations of Interest Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

#### **BCa/20/12 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) FINANCIAL MONITORING 2020/21 - QUARTER 2**

**It was RESOLVED:**

**That the Council's financial position at the end of quarter 2 was noted by Cabinet.**

**Reason for Decision:** To ensure that Members are kept informed of the current budgetary position for both HRA Revenue and Capital Budgets.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** At this stage in the year, the financial position is for noting only.

**Any Declaration of Interests Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

## **BCa/20/14 ICT STRATEGY**

**It was RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 That the ICT Strategy attached as Appendix A to the report was approved by Cabinet.**
- 1.2 That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director for Customers, Digital Transformation and Improvement in consultation with the Cabinet Member to make future minor amendments and updates to the ICT Strategy.**

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure that the Councils', through their adoption of the ICT Strategy:

- Endorses a set of principles by which ICT decisions are undertaken
- Remain flexible by using the most appropriate technologies in the delivery of their business
- Leverages value from their existing technology estate It is our intention to review this within 3 years and that future iterations of the ICT strategy will be combined with the Customer Strategy to create one holistic and cogent view.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

1.1 To create an ICT strategy that embeds the appropriate framework for ICT developments within Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. A framework that consists of a set of principles and technology design standards to which technology decisions will adhere. An ICT Strategy that can flex and change with both the needs of the business and the changes in available technologies, whilst also looking to leverage existing technology investments.

1.2 It is a statutory requirement to report this information to Cabinet, therefore there are no other available options.

**Any Declarations of Interest Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

## **Bca/20/15 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CIL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2020**

**It was RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 That the CIL Expenditure Programme (December 2020) and accompanying technical assessment of the CIL Bids – B20-11, B20-05, B19-18, B20-04 (forming Appendices, A and B of the report) be approved. This includes decisions on valid Bids approved and noted by Cabinet as follows: -

**Decision for Cabinet to make: Strategic Infrastructure Fund and Ringfenced Infrastructure funds (Hadleigh only)**

<b>CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed</b>	<b>Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure</b>	<b>Cabinet Decision</b>
B20-11 SUDBURY AND HADLEIGH  CCTV Arrangements for Sudbury and Hadleigh	Amount of CIL Bid £183,000.00  Total costs <b>£183,000.00</b>	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid B20-11 for £2,642.44 from Ringfenced funds for Hadleigh and £180,357.56 from the Strategic Infrastructure Fund

**Decision for Cabinet to make: Ringfenced funds (Lavenham only) and Local Infrastructure Fund**

<b>CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed</b>	<b>Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure</b>	<b>Cabinet Decision</b>
B20-05 LAVENHAM  Replacement of existing toilets with new toilets, re-engineering of Prentice Street Car Park including EV Charging points	Amount of CIL Bid £109,000.00  Total costs <b>£143,000.00</b>	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid B20-06 for £54,752.06 from Ringfenced funds for Lavenham and £54,247.94 from the Local Infrastructure Fund

**Decision for Cabinet to make: Local Infrastructure Fund**

<b>CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed</b>	<b>Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure</b>	<b>Cabinet Decision</b>
B20-04 LAVENHAM	Amount of CIL Bid	Recommendation to Cabinet to

Tenter Piece Sheltered Accommodation	£36,054.00	approve CIL Bid B20-04 for £36,054.00 from the Local Infrastructure Fund
	Total costs	
	<b>£48,072.00</b>	

### Decisions for Cabinet to note: Local Infrastructure Fund

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
B19 -18 HINTLESHAM and CHATTISHAM	Amount of CIL Bid £ 9,920.83	Recommendation to Cabinet to note delegated decision on CIL Bid B19-18 for £9,920.63 from Local Infrastructure Fund
Play area improvement scheme – Hintlesham Playing Fields	Total costs <b>£39,420.83</b>	

**1.2 That Cabinet note and endorse the CIL Expenditure Programme which included the position in respect of approved CIL Bids from Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (Appendix A Section B of the report) together with details of emerging infrastructure /CIL Bids (Appendix A Section C of the report).**

**Reason for Decision:** Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies have been collected since the implementation of CIL on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The CIL Expenditure Framework originally adopted in April 2018 and reviewed with amendments adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and with further amendments on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 requires the production of a CIL Expenditure Programme for each District which contains decisions for Cabinet to make or note on CIL Bids for CIL expenditure. These decisions relating to the expenditure of CIL monies form one of the ways in which necessary infrastructure supporting growth is delivered.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** There is a diverse spectrum of approaches to CIL expenditure across the country from Unitary Authorities who have absorbed CIL into their individual Capital Programmes to others who ringfence all funds to be spent locally. A range of different approaches was identified in Appendix A of the Framework for CIL Expenditure report provided to Cabinet's on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 and discussed in full during the workshops with the Joint Member advisory panel. Members adopted the documents set out in paragraph 1.1 above by Council decision in April 2018 which were subsequently reviewed and adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Babergh) and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Mid Suffolk) and then reviewed for the second time and adopted on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**Any Declarations of Interest Declared:** Councillor Jan Osborne declared a local non-pecuniary interest in respect of Bids 20-04 Tenterpiece Sheltered Accommodation and 20-11 CCTV Arrangements in Sudbury and Hadleigh.

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

**BCa/20/16 ABBEYCROFT FINANCIAL SUPPORT 2020/21**

**It was RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 The business case to create a £150,000 loan facility for Abbeycroft Leisure, as set out in section 9 of this report was agreed by Cabinet.**
- 1.2 The business case to provide a £270,000 grant for Abbeycroft Leisure, as set out in section 9 of this report was agreed by Cabinet.**
- 1.3 That delegated authority was given to the Council's Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Communities, and the Assistant Director for Environment & Commercial Partnerships, to agree the final details of the loan and enter into a loan agreement(s) with Abbeycroft Leisure.**

**Reason for Decision:** The financial situation that Abbeycroft Leisure find themselves in due to the impact of Covid-19 means that they will be unable to survive without Babergh District Council intervention and support. If this were to happen the Council would be in a position of having to take responsibility for service provision.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** Various options for the future operation and delivery of leisure activities in Babergh have been examined and risk rated to identify the potential financial, legal and reputational damage or benefits that each option could bring to Babergh District Council (BDC), Abbeycroft Leisure and the community. This is attached at Appendix One of the report. The options views as potentially viable include:

a. Abbeycroft Leisure receives a loan and or grant from BDC to cover the period up to the end of March 2021 to give sufficient time for their service and financial recovery plans to take effect. This is the preferred option because it keeps a high-quality leisure service open through a partner that offers a high level of social value. It will enable Abbeycroft to continue trading through the current social distancing measures and potentially into the time where vaccinations are available.

b. BDC funds the shortfall in Abbeycroft Leisure's operations but reviews and agrees this on a monthly basis. This is not the preferred option as it does not give the Council or the provider any stability and increases workload on both sides.

c. Abbeycroft Leisure ends the contract with BDC and the centres remain open, with the management and operations transferring to another leisure

organisation. This is not the preferred option as Abbeycroft has not failed in their contract with BDC as the current issues are Covid-19 related; or

d. Abbeycroft Leisure ends the contract with BDC and the management and operations of the leisure centres transfer back to the Council. This is not the preferred option for the same reason as c above.

**Any Declarations of Interest Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None