

Monday, 7 March 2022



**MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**DECISIONS NOTICE**

**DECISIONS BY THE MID SUFFOLK CABINET  
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 16 MARCH 2022**

The following decisions have been taken by the Mid Suffolk Cabinet and will come into effect on 17 March 2022 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/21/39 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2021/22 - QUARTER 3**

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the surplus position of £1.160m, referred to in section 6.6 and Appendix A of the report, be noted;
- 1.2 The revised 2021/22 Capital Programme referred to in Appendix E and section 6.17 be noted.
- 1.3 That the approval of carry forwards from 21/22 into 22/23 be delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance.

**REASON FOR DECISION**

To ensure that Members 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 Interests Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

**MCa/21/40 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) FINANCIAL MONITORING 2021/22 - QUARTER 3**

**It was RESOLVED: -**

- 1.1 That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the adverse variance of £621k, referred to in section 6.5 of the report, be noted;**
- 1.2 The 2021/22 revised Capital Programme referred to in Appendix A and section 6.14 be noted.**

**REASON FOR DECISION**

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

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

At this stage in the year, the financial position is for noting only.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None**

**Any Dispensation Granted: None**

**MCa/21/42 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CIL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME MARCH 2022**

**It was RESOLVED: -**

- 1.1 That the CIL Expenditure Programme (March 2022) and accompanying technical assessment of the CIL Bid – M20-25, M21-10, M21-11, and M21-12 (forming Appendices, A and B) and which include decisions on these CIL Bid for Cabinet to make and approve and to note (delegated decision only) are as follows: -**

**Decision for Cabinet to make: Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund 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>

<p><b>M20-25</b></p> <p><b>STOWMARKET</b></p> <p>Museum of East Anglian Life Community allotments and improvements to Crack Wood</p>	<p><b>Amount of CIL Bid</b></p> <p><b>£75,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Total costs</b></p> <p><b>£115,873.40</b></p>	<p><b>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M20-25 for £26,550.76 from the Ringfenced Fund and £48,449.24 from the Local Infrastructure Fund (this will be subject to receipt of a copy of the signed lease)</b></p>
<p><b>M21-10</b></p> <p><b>BOTESDALE</b></p> <p>Botesdale Parish Council Regeneration of the Botesdale Recreation Ground</p>	<p><b>Amount of CIL Bid</b></p> <p><b>£75,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Total costs</b></p> <p><b>£168,941.00</b></p>	<p><b>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M21-10 for £38,409.96 from the Ringfenced Fund and £36,590.04 from the Local Infrastructure Fund</b></p>

**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>
<p><b>M21-11</b></p> <p><b>STOWMARKET</b></p> <p>Stowmarket Community Sports and Social Club New Toilet Block at Stowmarket Football Club</p>	<p><b>Amount of CIL Bid</b></p> <p><b>£25,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Total costs</b></p> <p><b>£34,572.00</b></p>	<p><b>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M21-11 for £25,000.00 from the Local Infrastructure Fund</b></p>

**Decision for Cabinet to note: Ringfenced 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>

<b>M21-12</b>	<b>Amount of CIL Bid</b>	<b>Recommendation for Cabinet to note the delegated decision for CIL Bid M21-11 for £9,315.75 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund</b>
<b>WALSHAM LE WILLOWS</b>	<b>£9,315.75</b>	
<b>Walsham Le Willows Parish Council Play Area – Additions and Improvements</b>	<b>Total costs</b> <b>£12,421.00</b>	

- 1.2 Cabinet are also asked to note and endorse this CIL Expenditure Programme which includes the position in respect of approved CIL Bids from Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 - (Appendix A Section B) together with details of emerging infrastructure /CIL Bids (Appendix A Section C).**

### **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 was originally adopted in April 2018 and reviewed with amendments adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The CIL Expenditure Framework 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 further reviewed and adopted by both Councils on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 (Babergh) and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Mid Suffolk) respectively.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

### **MCa/21/43 CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

**It was RESOLVED: -**

- 1.1 That the contents of the report be noted.**
- 1.2 That a climate change and biodiversity report be produced annually each year going forward.**

## **REASON FOR DECISION**

To ensure that members and the public are kept informed of progress and achievements with regards to the councils' climate change and biodiversity ambitions.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

To not provide an annual report on climate change and biodiversity for Members and the public – this option was not taken up, due to the clear need for keeping members and the public informed.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

## **MCa/21/44 CALL-IN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13TH JANUARY 2022**

**It was RESOLVED: -**

**That the Cabinet decision on 6 December 2021, to adopt the new Hackney Carriage and Private hire Vehicle Licensing Policy, be confirmed and that the matters raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, particularly in relation to electric vehicles, be referred to officers and the Licensing and Regulatory Committee for further work before being presented back to Cabinet.**

## **REASON FOR DECISION**

Whilst it is recommended that Cabinet agree to the Overview and Scrutiny recommendations, there is a requirement from the Department for Transport for an up to date policy to be in place by the end of January 2022 for both the benefit of the trade and enable the licensing function of the Council to administer its regulatory obligations. This will ensure compliance, particularly with the new Department for Transport Statutory Standards. A review of the environmental parts of the policy will be undertaken, taking into account the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

- 1.1** Not to accept the recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and the matter would then need to be referred to Full Council. This is not recommended as the Cabinet values the input of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is committed to giving its comments and recommendations due consideration.
- 1.2** To accept the recommendations in full today. This action is not recommended as substantial officer work is required, including how an incentive scheme could work and the associated costs, overlap with other programmes, and coordination with other organisations. It is anticipated that an update report on the project will be ready to be presented to Cabinet in July 2022.
- 1.3** To accept the recommendations, but to go ahead and implement the new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy while referring the matter of 'Electric Vehicles' to officers and the Licencing and Regulatory Committee for further work. This is the recommended option as it means there will be an up-to-date policy in place for trade as soon as practical which is necessary to enable safe and compliant working. It reduces the amount of time that the Council is out of compliance with the new Department for

Transport Statutory Standards. Finally, it enables a future decision to be made by Cabinet on this specific element at a later date when the necessary evidence has been acquired.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

## **MCa/21/45 RESPONSE TO NATIONAL GRID STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD OVERHEAD LINE PROJECT**

**It was RESOLVED: -**

- 1.1 To respond to the consultation.**
- 1.2 That the Assistant Director for Planning and Building Control, in collaboration with the Cabinet Members for Planning, consider any proposed amendments to the suggested response and be authorised to make amendments before submitting a response to the Government.**

### **REASON FOR DECISION**

To ensure the comments of the councils are set out for consideration by National Grid in the further stages of the project.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

- 1.1 To respond to the consultation with the response as set out in appendix a.**
- 1.2 To respond to the consultation with proposed amendments to the responses set out in appendix a.**
- 1.3 To not respond to the consultation.**

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None