

Monday, 5 September 2022



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE MID SUFFOLK CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The following decisions have been taken by the Mid Suffolk Cabinet and will come into effect on 15 September 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/22/15 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2022/23 - QUARTER 1

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the net expenditure overspend position of £782k and forecast reserve movements, referred to in section 5.5 and Appendix A of the report, be noted;
- 1.2 The revised 2021/22 Capital Programme referred to in Appendix B and section 5.9 be noted.

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/22/16 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) FINANCIAL MONITORING 2022/23 - QUARTER 1

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 £489k, referred to in section 6.5 of the report, be noted;
- 1.2 The 2022/23 revised Capital Programme referred to in Appendix A and section 6.13 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/22/18 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - CIL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER 2022

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That the CIL Expenditure Programme (March 2022) and accompanying technical assessment of the CIL Bid – M22-13, M22-02, and M22-14 (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: -

Decisions for Cabinet to make: Local Infrastructure Fund

| CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed | Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure | Cabinet Decision |
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| M22-13 RINGSHALL Play Area | Amount of CIL Bid £20,566.35 Total costs of the project £54,856.08 Other funding sources are Ringshall Parish Council Neighbourhood CIL | Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M22-13 for £20,566.35 from the Local Infrastructure Fund |

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| | Reserves £16,000.00 | |
| | Donation £1,000.00 | |
| | Fundraising £350.00 | |
| | MSDC Community Grant £16,939.73 | |

Decisions for Cabinet to make: Strategic Infrastructure Fund

| CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed | Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure | Cabinet Decision |
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| M22-14 THURSTON Rail Feasibility Study | Amount of CIL Bid £100,000.00 Total costs of the project £100,000.00 | Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid M22-14 for £100,000.00 from the Strategic Infrastructure Fund (with the awarded unspent funds (£100,000) under the previously approved CIL Bid M20-07 for Thurston Rail station feasibility study being returned to the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Thurston) after the 11 th September 2022 when the 2 year CIL Bid offer letter expires). |

Decisions for Cabinet to note: Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Botesdale)

| CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed | Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the Infrastructure | Cabinet Decision |
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| M22-02 BOTESDALE Recreation Ground Entrance Infrastructure and picnic tables | Amount of CIL Bid £9,757.50 Total costs of the project £13,010.00 Other funding sources are Botesdale Parish Council | Recommendation for Cabinet to note the delegated decision for CIL Bid M22-02 for £9,757.50 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Botesdale) |

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| | £3,252.50 | |
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- 1.2 Cabinet was 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, 7, 8 and 9 - (Appendix A Section B) together with details of emerging infrastructure /CIL Bids (Appendix A Section C.**
- 1.3 That with reference to the Thurston Infrastructure project (M22-14) the Portfolio Holder for Planning, the Director for Planning and Building Control and the Ward Members for Thurston collaborated on the covering letter.**

REASON FOR DECISION

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies have been collected since the implementation of CIL on the 11th of April 2016. The CIL Expenditure Framework was originally adopted in April 2018 and reviewed with amendments adopted on the 18th of March 2019, 20th April 2020, 23rd and 25th March 2021 and 21st July 2022 (Mid Suffolk fourth review only). All the changes/documents from the fourth review will be considered by Babergh on the 20th September 2022. 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 5th and 8th 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 19th March 2019 (Babergh) and 18th March 2019 (Mid Suffolk) and further reviewed for the third time and adopted by both Councils on the 20th April 2020 and 23rd March 2021 (Babergh) and 25th March 2021 (Mid Suffolk) respectively. The fourth review took place in June 2022 and Mid Suffolk approved the changes on the 21st July 2022. All the changes/documents will be considered by Babergh on the 20th September 2022.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

MCa/22/19 TREE CANOPY COVER SURVEY

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.2 The Cabinet resolved to publish in full the web maps and canopy cover survey data on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council website.**
- 1.3 The Cabinet resolved to develop a formal Tree Planting Strategy to guide all future tree planting within the district to ensure that, where possible, the greatest benefit was achieved.**
- 1.4 The Cabinet resolved to identify feasible canopy cover percentages for each ward, options for delivery of planting to achieve this target and the creation of a vision for the future.**
- 1.5 The Cabinet resolved to delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder for Environment along with the Director of Operations to complete these actions.**

REASON FOR DECISION

The Tree Canopy Survey has, for the first time, provided quantifiable evidence to prove the value of trees as an incredible natural capital asset. Publishing the data will be invaluable in helping people understand the benefits of trees. Developing a strategic delivery model for increasing canopy cover across the district ensures we are planting the right tree in the right place to provide benefits to residents and wildlife.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

Internal use of the data only. This is not the recommended option as the canopy cover data covers the entire land area of the district and provides information which could benefit other organisations, parishes and individual resident

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None