

**CABINET
15TH DECEMBER 2016**

PRESENT: The Leader (Councillor Slater)
The Deputy Leader (Councillor Morgan)
Councillors Barkley, Fryer, Harper-Davies, Hayes, Mercer,
Poland and Vardy

Councillor Smidowicz – Chair of the Overview Scrutiny Group

Chief Executive
Section 151 Officer
Deputy Monitoring Officer
Head of Finance and Property Services
Group Leader Plans, Policies and Place Making
Principal Planning Officer (PG)
Procurement Manager
Democratic Services Officer (NC)

69. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

No disclosures of interest were made.

70. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

71. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

72. QUESTIONS UNDER CABINET PROCEDURES 10.7

No questions had been received.

73. DRAFT 2017/18 GENERAL FUND AND HRA BUDGETS

Considered a report of the Head of Finance and Property Services seeking approval for the draft 2017/18 budgets as a basis for consultation (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Finance and Property Services assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that the General Fund and HRA Revenue Budgets for 2017/18 as set out in Tables 1 and 4, and the Loughborough Special Expense Budget and

Levy for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report of the Head of Finance and Property Services be endorsed for consultation;

2. that HRA staffing decisions delegated to the Head of Paid Service which result in redundancy or salary protection costs, carry with them the authority to implicitly authorise expenditure from the HRA Financing Fund for the purposes of meeting any redundancy or salary protection costs that might arise;
3. that HRA service pressures be funded initially from HRA working balances; where this would mean the HRA Working Balances would be lower than the minimum recommended working balances (determined by the S151 officer) consideration would be made to fund these from the HRA Financing Fund.

Reasons

1. To provide the opportunity for consultation on the 2017/18 budgets as well as potential pressures and savings.
2. To ensure that the procedures governing the release of budgets in the HRA financing fund are clearly defined and are in line with those in place for the General Fund Reinvestment Reserve.
3. To build up the HRA Financing Fund by funding additional HRA service pressures from HRA working balances in the first instance and using the financing fund only where insufficient working balances are available.

74. CAPITAL PLAN AMENDMENT REPORT

Considered a report of the Head of Finance and Property Services setting out amendments to the 2016/17 to 2018/19 Capital Plan (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Finance and Property Services assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that, subject to Council approval of slippage of £350k on the Hallam Fields Community Hall as set out in resolution 6 below, the current Capital Plan for 2016/17-2018/19, as amended by the changes shown in Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Finance and Property Services, in the sum of £27,749.9k be approved;
2. that the Lifeline Equipment Upgrade Scheme be added to the Capital Plan in 2016/17 with costs of £60,700 to be funded from a saving on the Charnwood Standard Bathrooms Scheme;

3. that £50k be vired from the HRA Communal Area Electric Scheme to the HRA Electrical Upgrades Scheme;
4. that £100k be vired from the HRA Charnwood Standard Bathrooms Scheme to the HRA Communal Area Improvements Scheme £50k and the HRA Door Entry Systems Scheme £50k;
5. that the Bell Foundry Pocket Park Scheme of £59k be added to the Capital Plan in 2017/18 to be wholly funded by S106 contributions;
6. **that it be recommended to Council** that the slippage of £350k on Hallam Fields Community Hall be approved.

Reasons

1. To enable the Capital Plan to be the basis for capital spending by the Council and so that schemes may proceed.
2. To confirm that the Lifeline Equipment Upgrade Scheme should proceed and that the cost be funded from a revenue contribution from the HRA. The Capital Appraisal has been approved by the Capital Programme Team and this scheme is to be included in the capital plan for 2016/17.
- 3.&4. To confirm that the HRA virements are approved to adhere to the Financial Procedure Rules on the scheme of virement.
5. To confirm that the Bell Foundry Pocket Park Scheme should proceed and that the cost be funded from Section 106 contributions. These contributions have already been received. The Capital Appraisal has been approved by the Capital Programme Team and this scheme is to be included in the Capital Plan for 2017/18.
6. To comply with Financial Regulations following revisions to the Section 106 agreement.

75. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNUAL PROCUREMENT PLAN 2016/17

Considered a report of the Head of Finance and Property Services setting out an addition to the Annual Procurement Plan for 2016/17. Following Cabinet approval of the Annual Procurement Plan on 17th March 2016 and amendments to that plan on 7th July 2016 and 22nd September 2016 the report seeks approval for one other requirement for the supply of goods and services (item 8 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Procurement Manager assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED that the contracts over £75,001 and up to £500,000 as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Finance and Property Services be let in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules.

Reason

To allow contracts of the Council to be let in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules.

76. THURCASTON AND CROPSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration seeking approval for the Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan to be 'made' as part of the statutory development plan for the Neighbourhood Area (item 9 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

Councillor Smidowicz, Chair of the Overview Scrutiny Group, presented a report detailing its pre-decision scrutiny of the matter and recommendations (filed with these minutes).

The Group Leader Plans, Policies and Place Making and the Principal Planning Officer assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that the Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan be 'made' part of the statutory development plan for Charnwood, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
2. that the report of the Overview Scrutiny Group be noted.

Reasons

1. To fulfil the legal duty to make the Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan part of the development plan for Charnwood.
2. To acknowledge the work undertaken and the views of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Notes

1. The decisions in these minutes not in the form of recommendations to Council will come into effect at noon on Friday, 23rd December 2016 unless called in under Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 11.7.
2. No reference may be made to these minutes at Council on 23rd January 2017 unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on Friday, 23rd December 2016.

3. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Cabinet.