

DECISION RECORD SHEETS
FOR
DECISIONS MADE AT THE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
HELD ON
THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2024

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

97. Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024/25

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That the Executive endorses and recommends to Council for approval:

- 1) The Housing Revenue Account budget for 2024/25 (Appendix A);
- 2) Council house dwelling rents be increased by up to 7.7% effective from 1st April 2024 in line with the council's Rent Setting Policy that was approved by Executive on 26th October 2023;
- 3) Garage rents to be increased by 8.33% effective from April 2024;
- 4) Shared Equity Rents to be increased by 7.7% effective from April 2024;
- 5) Tenant Service Charges to be increased over the next three year to achieve full cost recovery effective from April 2024;
- 6) The Housing Major Repairs (capital) programme for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix B;
- 7) Sheltered room guest charges for 2024/25 remain unchanged at £9.50 per night per room.

Reason for Decision

The revenue and capital budgets for 2024/25 are set and tenants rent levels are set for 2024/25 to ensure sound finances and value for money in providing housing services for council tenants.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

98. Capital Programme and Strategy 2024-2027

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That the Executive endorses and recommends to Council for approval:

- 1) the Capital Strategy for 2024 - 2027 - Appendix A;
- 2) the three-year capital programme for 2024 - 2027 – Appendix B noting that approval is sought for 2024/25 schemes only;
- 3) the draft vision for capital investment over the next five years - Appendix C;
- 4) the use of developer contribution funding (s106 and CIL) for capital projects as set out in Appendix D. Approval is sought up to the project budget;
- 5) the Deputy Chief Executive (S151 Officer) will exercise, where possible the flexible use of capital receipts policy, as issued by the Secretary of State under section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003;
- 6) approve delegation for the delivery (including awarding and signing of the contract) of the South Wokingham Distributor Road to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Place & Growth in agreement with Lead member for Finance and Lead Member for Highways subject to the scheme being fully funded from Homes England Grant and Developer Contributions.

Reason for Decision

The capital programme and strategy 2024 – 2027 sets out the capital investment for the benefit of the community and how this is funded.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That the Executive endorses and recommends to Council for approval:

- 1) The Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Appendix A including the following additional appendices;
 - Prudential Indicators (Appendix B)
 - Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25 (Appendix C)
 - Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy (Appendix D)

Reason for Decision

Effective and safe use of our resources to deliver service improvements and service continuity through the management of the Council's cash flow and investments while funding the capital programme.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

100. Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-2027 Including Revenue Budget Submission 2024/25

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham
Ebers

DECISION

That

- 1) the Summary of Budget Movements (Appendix A) be recommended to Council;
- 2) the report of the Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to Scrutiny of the Budget Setting Process 2024-25 and the Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-2027 (as set out in Appendix B to the report), be noted;
- 3) the schedule of fees and charges, as set out in Appendix C to the report, to be effective from the dates listed on the schedule, and the schedule of fees and charges as set out in Appendix E in relation to the decision at Licensing and Appeals Committee, be approved.

Reason for Decision

To provide the Executive with the key revenue budget extract for 2024/25 of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024-2027 for submission to Council.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

101. Housing Responsive Repairs & Maintenance Contract

Director, Place and Growth -
Giorgio Framalitto

DECISION

That the recommendation to conduct a competitive procurement exercise to enable the Council to procure a service contract for Housing Responsive Repairs and Maintenance the objective of which is to provide the best outcomes for the delivery of the service requirements and achieve best value for money for the Council and LHC's, be approved.

Reason for Decision

As the contract value meets the relevant financial threshold (>£500k) that requires Executive approval, the purpose of this report is to seek Executive approval of the procurement strategy to procure a new housing responsive repairs and maintenance services contract to include all domestic properties that are owned and managed by the Council and the Council's Local Housing Companies (LHC's).

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY
Chief Executive – Susan
Parsonage

102. Establishment of a Joint Committee - The Berkshire Prosperity Board

DECISION

That the Executive recommends to Council for approval:

- 1) the establishment of a fully constituted Joint Committee (to be known as the Berkshire Prosperity Board) from May 2024 to deliver a Berkshire-wide vision for inclusive green and sustainable economic prosperity.
- 2) that the proposed constitution for the Joint Committee as set out in Appendix A - Functions and Procedure Rules for a Joint Committee, Appendix B - Responsibilities of the accountable body and Appendix C - Governance structure is approved subject to review by each member Council within 6 months.
- 3) that the Chief Executive be delegated to reach a legally binding Agreement between the member Authorities setting out the supporting arrangements and responsibilities between the Authorities, particularly that between the Lead Authority, known as the Accountable Body and the other member Authorities and go through the relevant democratic process if required. Such Agreement also to be approved by the s151 Officer.

Reason for Decision

Transforming Berkshire`s productivity through, responsive, agile collaboration.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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