

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 6 February 2019

Present

Councillor Wilson (Chairman)

Councillors Bowerman, Pike, Turner and Hughes

123 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bains.

124 Minutes

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 5 December 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

125 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

126 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had attended a recent Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) meeting which had discussed the Statement of Common Ground for the delivery of housing in the region and the updated Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy.

127 Budget 2019/20

Councillor Pike, as Cabinet Lead for Finance and Regeneration, presented a report and recommendation to Cabinet setting out the proposed Revenue, Capital Budget and Business Plans 2019/20 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2023/24 for onward recommendation to Council.

Cabinet discussed the Regeneration Team and was advised that the success of this team would be measured in the successful delivery of projects. Cabinet felt that the new Inward Investment Officer post would be a valuable addition to the Council.

Councillor Crellin, as a representative of the Governance, Audit and Finance Board, was invited to join the meeting and presented a report and recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Board.

Cabinet thanked officers and the Cabinet Lead for their work, which it believed had resulted in a sound budget which would bring a mix of social and regeneration benefits to the Borough.

In respect of the recommendations from the Governance, Audit and Finance Board, Cabinet debated the future approach to Serving You.

Cllr Pike proposed that recommendation b) be amended to include the words 'subject to a business case being brought to Cabinet to consider proposals to reduce the number of issues of Serving You.'

This amendment was duly seconded by the Leader.

Following a vote it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends that Council:

- a) Approves the proposed Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2019/20 including a Council Tax rate of £204.47 at Band D, representing a 2.99% increase on the current charge;
- b) Approves the budget savings and growth proposals set out in Section 5 of the report, subject to a business case being brought to Cabinet to consider proposals to reduce the number of issues of Serving You;
- c) Agrees the Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators;
- d) Agrees the Corporate Strategy and Business Plans 2019-20; and
- e) Agrees the proposed fees and charges increases set out in Appendix I.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.43 pm

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Chairman