

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 February 2022

Present

Councillor Rennie (Chairman)

Councillors Satchwell, Robinson, Pike, Bains (Vice-Chairman), Bowerman and Denton

42 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies of absence.

43 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 January 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

44 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

45 Chairman's Report

The Leader thanked Ms Brooks of the Havant Climate Alliance and Ms Buckley of the Havant Borough Residents' Alliance for taking the time to submit questions for Cabinet's consideration and confirmed a written response would be supplied. A full list of questions and answers will be attached to the minutes as Appendix A.

The Leader further welcomed Ms Kim Sawyer to the meeting as the new Chief Executive.

46 Cabinet Lead Delegated Decisions, Minutes from Meetings etc.

RESOLVED that the following Delegated Decisions be NOTED:

- (1) 13/12/21 – High Lawn Way
- (2) 16/12/21 – Pepper Close / Church Road
- (3) 13/12/21 – Ellisfield Road / Blackdown Crescent

RESOLVED that the following Minutes of Meetings be NOTED:

- (1) Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee on Monday, 13 December, 2021

47 Recommendations from the Scrutiny Board

There were no formal recommendation from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

48 2022/23 Revenue Budget, Capital Budget, Reserves and Balances, Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

Councillor Denton introduced the item and proposed the recommendations.

The Leader, on behalf of the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny committee, provided some key points that were raised at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 09 February when the budget was considered.

The recommendation was duly seconded by Councillor Bowerman.

The Leader proposed an amendment to the motion as set out in Appendix N, which was published as a supplementary paper.

The amendment to the recommendation was duly seconded by Councillor Robinson and following a debate the amendment was CARRIED.

Cabinet returned to debate the substantive motion and the Leader highlighted some areas of note in relation to the budget and the ongoing priorities of the Council. The Leader thanked officers and the Cabinet Lead for their work in producing a balanced budget.

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommend to Full Council:

- a) The proposed Revenue and Capital budgets for 2022-23 including a Council Tax rate of £219.48 at Band D, representing a £5 increase on the current charge;
- b) The proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy, Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators.
- c) The Fees & Charges schedule for 2022-23.
- d) The Council Tax Resolution
- e) that Council consider the Cabinet Response (App N to the Budget Report Agenda Item 7) to the CFO Statement (App F) and the Council engage with and agree proposals for a 'credible plan' which will entail:
 - i) The restructure of the senior management team for the start of the new civic year

- ii) The setting up of a Budget Working Group, supported by an officer working group with a view to delivering a balanced budget for the MTF5 by October 2022
- iii) That the Budget Working Group have the terms of reference to make proposals to Cabinet to consider for referral to Council for decision based upon the following measures:
 - a. Review the CIPFA report and the future sustainability of the Council
 - b. Review of future costs of the Shaping Our Future Programme and the continuation of transformation within the Council
 - c. To undertake service reviews based upon information obtained from the Shaping Our Future Programme
 - d. To review its contractual management arrangements and decide if they provide value for money
- iv) To further all opportunities for funding by enhancing local partnerships and through Government policy initiatives to support the continued improvement of the Havant BC area

49 Corporate Strategy 2022 - 2025

The Client Relationship Director introduced the item, outlined points of note in the Corporate Strategy and responded to questions from Members.

The Leader encouraged residents to read the strategy that includes ambitious plans that the Council has for the Borough.

Proposed by Councillor Rennie, seconded by Councillor Bains, following debate, it was RESOLVED that Cabinet APPROVED the Draft Corporate Strategy 2022 – 2025 and refer the final version of the Corporate Strategy to Full Council for adoption.

50 Shaping our Future - Quarterly Update

The Leader confirmed that due to the recent withdrawal of the joint management and shared staff arrangements that have impacted on the Shaping our Future Programme, a limited report was before Cabinet today.

RESOLVED that the report is NOTED.

The meeting commenced at 5.31 pm and concluded at 6.19 pm

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Chairman