

CABINET

Meeting held in the Main Committee Room, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Monday, 27th February, 2017 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor Cheryl Butler in the Chair;

Councillors Jim Aspinall, Tim Brown, Don Davis, Jackie James, Keir Morrison and Nicolle Ndiweni.

Officers Present: Richard Crossland, Edd deCoverly, Ruth Dennis, David Greenwood, Alan Maher, Robert Mitchell, Paul Parkinson and Carys Turner-Jones.

In Attendance: Councillors David Griffiths, Helen Hollis, Glenys Maxwell, Lachlan Morrison, Paul Roberts, Christine Quinn-Wilcox, Sam Wilson, Jason Zadrozny

CA.84 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Disclosable Pecuniary / Other Interests

Councillor Tim Brown declared an 'Other Interest' in Item 4 as an employee of the Department for Work and Pensions.

CA.85 Council Tax 2017-18

Members were reminded that Cabinet had agreed the detailed Revenue Budget for 2016/17 (Revised) and for 2017/18 at its meeting on 20 February 2017. Following on from this, the report asked Cabinet to now agree that a Council Tax level for 2017/18 be recommended to Council for approval.

Cabinet discussed the report. During this discussion Members emphasised the extremely difficult financial position facing the Council as a result of reductions in external support from Central Government. They noted that this support was projected to fall by half between 2010 and 2020. They also noted that the challenges facing the Council had become even more difficult since the Provisional Local Government Financial Settlement had been published, towards the end of 2016. As a consequence, the Council faced a £1M budget shortfall for 2017/18, which would have to be met.

RESOLVED:

Cabinet agrees that a Band 'D' Council Tax level of £180.46 for Ashfield District Council is recommended to Council.

Reasons

In order to set a balanced budget for 2017/18 in the context of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

CA.86 Council Offices Kirkby - Letting of Part of the Ground Floor

The report sought approval to revise the terms for leasing part of the ground floor of the Council's main offices in Kirkby for use by the Department for Work and Pensions. Members were told that this was essentially a technical change. It would neither change the cost of the lease nor how the offices would be used. Cabinet supported the change.

RESOLVED

- a) That Cabinet approves the leasing of part of the ground floor of the Council's Offices, Kirkby in Ashfield, to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government of the Department for Work and Pensions;
- b) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Service Director – Place and Communities to conclude the negotiations relating to the final lease terms in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder;
- c) That the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance) be instructed to draw up the necessary documentation in consultation with the Estates Manager.

Reasons

Cabinet previously agreed to lease part of the ground floor to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; the lessee's solicitor has recently requested that Council agree to change the Lessee to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government of the Department for Work and Pensions as this is the holding department for Central Government.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm

Chairman.