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## Item 6(b) - Council Tax Setting 2021/22

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet on 11 February 2021, and the relevant minute extract is below.

#### Cabinet (11 February 2021, Minute 168)

The Finance & Investment Portfolio Holder presented the report which revised the budget for the forthcoming financial year and recognised the level of Council Tax in light of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, Council Tax base calculation and other updated data. Based on the changes detailed in the report, Council would continue to have a balanced 10-year budget.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer for Finance & Trading set out that the report also proposed a net expenditure budget of £16.783m in 2021/22 (£15.581m in 2020/21). Subject to any further changes this would result in a Council Tax increase of 2.25% in 2021/22, with the District's Council Tax being £224.91 for a Band D property for the year (£219.96 in 2020/21), an increase of £4.95. This would also result in an additional ongoing commitment to the Net Zero Transition Fund.

The report also contained details on the Collection Fund position and an updated opinion on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of the reserves.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that

- a) the updated Summary of Council Expenditure and Council Tax for 2021/22 set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved;
- b) the updated 10-year budget 2021/22 to 2030/31 as set out in Appendix B(i) to the report, be approved; and
- c) the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2020/21, be rolled forward to 2021/22, with effect from 1 April 2021, as set out in Appendix G to the report.

## Item 6(c) - Treasury Management Strategy

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet on 11 February 2021, and the relevant minute is below.

#### Cabinet (11 February 2021, Minute 172)

The Finance & Investment Portfolio Holder presented the report which set out the Council's policies for managing its investments and for giving priority to the security and liquidity of those investments, and sought approval of the Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22.

The Principal Accountant explained the report in further detail and advised that the Finance & Investment Advisory Committee had also considered the same report and recommended approval.

## Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that the Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22, be approved.

## Item 6(d) - Property Investment Strategy Update Report

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet on 11 February 2021, and the relevant minute extract is below.

#### Cabinet (11 February 2021, Minute 174)

The Finance & Investment Portfolio Holder presented the report which provided an update on the progress of the Property Investment Strategy to date and looked at the future direction of the strategy.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer for Finance & Trading set out that the Finance & Investment Advisory Committee had also considered the same report and had recommended some changes to criteria.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That

- a) the report be noted; and
- b) the following changes to the Property Investment Strategy be recommended to Council:
  - i) all asset categories be included in the strategy subject to appropriate due diligence and ensuring no asset class exceeds 20% in total value of the approved funding; and
  - ii) the location of the potential investments be expanded to all of England.

## Item 6(e) - Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet on 11 February 2021, and the relevant minute extract is below.

## Cabinet (11 February 2021, Minute 175)

The Housing & Health Portfolio Holder presented the report which sought approval of the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy. The Private Sector Housing Team Leader set out the nature of the changes and explained that the Housing & Health Advisory Committee had also considered the same report and recommended it for approval subject to some minor amendments.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy as set out in Appendix A to the report, be adopted.