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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET  
4 OCTOBER 2022**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 4 October 2022 and will come into force and may be implemented on 12 October 2022 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **11 October 2022.**

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

## **6 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) AND BUDGET STRATEGY**

- (i) That the national context and the headlines from the recent fiscal statement (the mini budget), as set out in the report, and its potential impact on this Council and its plans, be noted.
- (ii) That the updated cost pressures, as set out in the report and the validation work that has been carried out on them, be noted.
- (iii) That agrees/updates the assumptions being used in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP);
- (iv) That the financial gap arising from (ii) and (iii) above, be noted.
- (v) That the 2023/24 principles for budget setting be agreed.
- (vi) That the approach to closing the budget gap, as set out in the report, recognising that this is work in progress, be noted.
- (vii) That Portfolio Holders work with officers to continue to identify and develop further efficiencies and savings.
- (viii) That the next steps and timetable leading up to the 2023/24 budget being presented to full Council on 14 February 2023, be endorsed.

### **Reason for the decision**

Councils are required by law to set a balanced budget. Essentially this means that expenditure is balanced by income without unsustainable use of one-off, or short-term sources of finance. This paper came to Cabinet to provide an update on the budget gap for 2023/24 and the subsequent years of the MTFP and to update on progress on action/savings to date including the 2022/23 forecast performance against budget.

## **7 ADULT SOCIAL CARE MARKET SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

- (i) That the issues highlighted in the sustainability of local social care services, and the interventions proposed, be noted.
- (ii) That the Market Sustainability Plan (attached to the report of 4 October 2022) for submission to the Department for Health & Social Care, be approved.
- (iii) As part of the plan, Cabinet approve the approach to the future uplifting of usual rates paid for key categories of adult social care services, always subject to available budget.
- (iv) That the proposal to submit the final plan for second review by the People & Health Overview Committee ahead of submission in February 2023, be noted and, on that basis

- (v) Authority be delegated to the Executive Director of People (Adults & Housing), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health and the Executive Director of Corporate Development, to approve for submission the final version of the plan in February 2023, subject to any amendments not being of significant additional financial impact to the Council.

### **Reason for the decision**

As set out in section 5 of the Care Act 2014, local authorities have a duty to promote the efficient and effective operation of a market in services for meeting care and support needs, with a view to ensuring services are diverse, sustainable and high quality for the local population, including those who pay for their own care

## **8 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME UPDATE**

That the revised timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan, the Minerals Plan, the Waste Plan and various Neighbourhood Plans within the Local Development Scheme be acknowledged and that this will come into effect as of 4 October 2022.

### **Reason for the decision**

To enable the publication of the updated Local development scheme to outline the revised timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan and other planning documents as required by section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

## **9 AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN FOR CHIDEOCK**

That the Air Quality Action Plan for Chideock be approved and adopted.

### **Reason for decision**

The Air Quality Action Plan is required as part of the Council's statutory duty within the Local Air Quality Management framework. The Council is committed to improving the air quality and it is important to consider the cost effectiveness and feasibility of different measures.

The Environment Act 2021 includes provision for additional air quality objectives related to particulate matter which have not been previously included in the national framework. The proposed AQAP reflected this addition.