

ADVISORY CABINET/COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING MEETING

MONDAY, 18 JANUARY 2016

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the Commissioners' decisions taken at the meeting of the Advisory Cabinet/Commissioners' Decision Making meeting held on Monday, 18 January 2016.

Decisions taken by Commissioner Sir Derek Myers:-

1. THE PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT 2016/17

Minded to Grant Decision:- That the contents of this report and the financial implications identified for the Council's 2016/17 Revenue Budget and future Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted.

Reason:- To note the contents of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2016/17, a Consultation Paper on the future of the New Homes Bonus (NHB), guidance on the Flexible use of Capital Receipts, the Draft Council Tax Referendum Principles for 2016/17 and a letter to Council Chief Executives providing details of the additional 2% flexibility on the Proposed Council Tax Referendum Thresholds for Adult Social Care which were released in December 2015.

Date of Publication of the Minded to Grant Decision:- Wednesday, 20th January, 2016.

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Date Representations Received:- None.

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2. FINANCIAL AND SERVICE CHANGES - PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION PRIOR TO BUDGET-SETTING FOR 2016/17

Minded to Grant Decision:- (1) That the content of the report to form the basis of further public and partner consultation on the financial and

service implications of the Council setting a balanced Budget from 2016/17 onwards be approved.

(2) That it be confirmed the Council is minded to take up the flexibility of a 2% levy on Council Tax for Adult Social Care, following Central Government's Provisional Local Government Settlement announcements, to support a balanced budget in 2016/17 and ongoing service modernisation.

(3) That specific, detailed consultations with service users, delivery partners and contractors as appropriate are ongoing (including further Equalities Assessments) be noted.

(4) That detailed consultation with staff and Trade Unions on the workforce implications of these proposals be ongoing.

Reason:- To note the financial and service changes that officers are continuing to work on forming the basis of further public and partner consultation in order to deliver a balanced budget for the Council from 2016/17, in line with the outline Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and the new vision for the Council, prior to the formal Budget-setting report for 2016/17 which would be presented to the full Council Meeting on 2nd March, 2016.

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3. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2015/16 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET 2016/17 TO 2017/18

Minded to Grant Decision:- That the current forecast outturn position for the 2015/16 Capital Programme be noted and the update to the Programme for 2016-2018 be approved.

Reason:- To provide details of the current forecast outturn for the 2015/16 Capital Programme, to review the existing approved Capital Programme for the financial years 2016/17 to 2017/18 and an update to the budget monitoring position reported to Commissioner Manzie's meeting of the 7th October, 2015.

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4. AUTHORISATION OF OFFICER TO APPEAR IN COURT PROCEEDINGS

Minded to Grant Decision:- That the report be referred to Council recommending that Vivian Wadsworth be authorised under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 to prosecute, defend or appear in proceedings on behalf of the Council in the Magistrates' Court.

Reason:- To refer for authorisation from the Council under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972, for a newly recruited Technical Officer to the Council's Account Management Team to appear in the Magistrates' Court on behalf of the Council.

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5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS FOR VARIOUS COMMISSIONS SUPPORTING WORK ON THE BASSINGTHORPE FARM DELIVERY PROJECT

Minded to Grant Decision:- (1) That an exemption under Standing Order 38 from Standing Order 47 (requirement for contracts valued at

less than £50,000 to be tendered) be granted and the Council commission the companies detailed in the report to carry out further site investigation work and masterplanning.

(2) That the works to be commissioned totalling £58,600 be paid from the Homes and Communities Agency – Larges Sites Infrastructure Fund and the ground conditions investigations work be funded by the Council's capital programme, totalling £45,000.

Reason:- To consider a request for exemption under Standing Order 38 from Standing Order 47 (requirement for contracts valued at less than £50,000 to be tendered) so that commissions can be issued to various consultants to undertake reports, to enable further assessment of the Bassingthorpe Farm development.

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6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That under Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

7. SECURE ONLINE CITIZENS ACCOUNT

Minded to Grant Decision:- That the award of the contract for the Council's Secure Online Citizen's Account, to the company named in the report, be approved.

Reason:- To consider the award of the contract for the Council's Secure Online Citizen's Account, known as 'Your Account', which underpinned the provision of digital council services and enabled residents, businesses and landlords to apply for services, pay bills, review personal account information and report changes online.

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8. APPROVAL OF LISTS OF FRAMEWORK CONTRACTORS FOR THE YORBUILD2 CONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK

Minded to Grant Decision:- (1) That the lists of contractors listed in Appendix A to this report forming the YORbuild2 South framework lists be approved.

(2) That the use, if required, of contractors listed in Appendix B for the YORbuild2 North, West and East frameworks be approved.

(3) That the Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Development Services, be authorised to consider and, if possible, resolve any objections arising from the procurement process.

Reason:- To seek approval of the lists of contractors to appoint to the YORbuild2 contractors framework for the South Area for a period of four years with the option to extend for a further two years and for the use of contractors from the other YORbuild2 framework lists as required to provide building construction services for Councils and other public bodies, including the voluntary sector.

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9. NEWPORT PAPER PLC RECYCLING CONTRACT - CONTRACT PRICE REVIEW

Minded to Grant Decision:- (1) That a further six month reduction in the contract price paid to the Council for its kerbside collected recycled paper and cardboard from £65 to £55 per tonne be approved.

(2) That the new price take effect from 10th December 2015.

(3) That a further review of the UK market position be undertaken in three and six months' time to reassess the contract price paid.

(4) That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment be delegated to review any future re-assessment of the price mechanism for this contract

Reason:- To consider a further request from Newport Paper PLC for an additional six month reduction in the contract price paid per tonne.

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10. COMMUNITY DEMENTIA CAFES PILOT 2016

Minded to Grant Decision:- That an exemption under Standing Order 38 from Standing Order 47 (requirement for contracts valued at less than £50,000 to be tendered) be granted and the twelve month pilot of the Community Dementia Cafes be commissioned.

Reason:- To consider a request for exemption under Standing Order 38 from Standing Order 47 (requirement for contracts valued at less than £50,000 to be tendered) for the execution of a twelve month pilot of the Community Dementia Cafes and the funds be awarded accordingly.

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