

CABINET – 20.02.18
RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNTY COUNCIL – 20.02.18

FCC Agenda Item Number 9
Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme for 2017/18 and 2018/19

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a retrospective change to the 2017-28 policy framework, as set out in the report, to provide 20% Discretionary 'top-up' relief to all Charitable organisations that already benefit from 80% Mandatory Rate Relief and who occupy small premises with a rateable value of up to £6,000, be agreed;
- (b) That a retrospective change to the 2017-18 policy framework, as set out in the report, to increase Discretionary awards by 20% to all Voluntary and Community organisations, who currently receive 80% Discretionary Rate Relief and who occupy small business premises with a rateable value of up to £6,000, be agreed; and
- (c) That the financial implications for the policy changes will cost £16.2k for 2017-18 and approximately £18k for 2018-19.

FCC Agenda Item Number 10
Council Fund Budget 2018/19 – Third and Closing Stage

RESOLVED:

- (a) That following a review, £1.927m of reserves and balances is released to contribute to balancing the budget;
- (b) That a 5% rise in Council Tax is set to balance the budget in combination with reserves and balances in (a) above; and
- (c) That a further rise in Council Tax of 1.71% is set to provide additionality of £1.140m specifically for schools budgets.

FCC Agenda Item Number 11
Council Fund Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2020/21

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the allocations and schemes in Table 4 of the report for the Statutory/Regulatory and Retained Assets sections of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2018/19 - 2020/21 be approved;

- (b) That the schemes in Table 5 of the report for the Investment section of the Council Fund Capital Programme 2018/19 - 2020/21 be approved;
- (c) That it be noted that the shortfall in funding of schemes in 2019/20 and 2020/21 at this point in the approval process is flexible. Options including a combination of future capital receipts, alternative grants (if available), prudential borrowing or the re-phasing of schemes will be considered during 2018/19, and included in future capital programme reports;
- (d) That further development and a refresh of a forward Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan be noted;
- (e) That Cabinet welcome Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committees request for a report on the consequential revenue impacts of capital expenditure; and
- (f) That Cabinet agrees to approach Welsh Government for assistance with any costs arising from:
 - (i) Remedial works to the Flintshire Bridge;
 - (ii) Early sharing of responsibility in advance of any changes arising from the “Red Route”; and
 - (iii) Increased wear and tear on Flintshire roads as a result of traffic diverted due to the works on the A55

FCC Agenda Item Number 12

Draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2018/19 and 30 Year Business Plan

RESOLVED:

- (a) To approve and recommend to Council the HRA budget for 2018/19 and Business Plan as set out in the appendices;
- (b) That the option of setting a rent increase for 2018/19 be approved at 3% (plus or minus £2), with target rents applied for new tenancies, as a more affordable increase than the Welsh Government rent Policy formula which would set an increase of 4.5% (plus or minus £2);
- (c) That a garage rent increase of £1 per week and a garage plot rent increase of £0.20p per week be approved; and
- (d) That the proposed HRA Capital Programme for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix C be approved.

FCC Agenda Item Number 13
Prudential Indicators 2018/19 to 2020/21

RESOLVED:

That the following be approved and recommended to County Council:

- The Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 – 2020/21 as in the report; and
- Delegated authority for the Corporate Finance Manager to effect movements between the separately agreed limits within the authorised limit for external debt and the operational boundary for external debt.