

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET ON 7 JANUARY 2020 TO COUNCIL ON 23 JANUARY 2020**

### **CAB84 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT - FINAL SCHEME FOR 2020-21**

Cabinet considered a report which reminded Members that the council must review and agree its 2020/2021 Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme for working age people by January 2020. It must first consult with the major preceptors then publish a draft CTS scheme for public consultation. The draft CTS Scheme was agreed by delegated decision and the public consultation ran from 7 October 2019 to 15 November 2019. The final CTS Scheme must then be agreed by full Council.

This report detailed the results of the consultation and the recommended final CTS scheme for working age people for 2020/2021.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the draft CTS scheme for 2020/2021 which went to public consultation be adopted as the final CTS scheme for 2020/2021.

#### **Reason for Decision**

To ensure a CTS scheme for working age people for 2020/2021 is agreed by Council by 11 March 2020.

### **CAB85 CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN**

Cabinet considered a report which appended the new corporate business plan for the period to the next local elections in 2023. It set out the priorities of the current administration and how the achievement of these priorities and objectives will be monitored.

It had been informed by several rounds of consultation with all the council's policy development panels.

In discussing the document Cabinet commended the Senior Policy and Performance Officer for his work with all Councillors in producing the document. It was emphasised that it was a high level document and that a raft of further strategies and policies would come forward from this.

Members expressed satisfaction that the document expressed the healthy and active element of people's lives and the encouragement by the council of businesses to thrive.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Corporate Business Plan attached to the report be adopted.

#### **Reason for Decision**

To establish the council's policy framework for the term of the current administration, showing how the council will focus its resources over the next four years.

CAB86 **CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS - REVIEW**

Cabinet considered a report which explained that since the current version of Contract Standing Orders was approved by Council on 24 September 2015 there have been several changes in procurement policy. These changes took account of the Council's current Procurement Strategy adopted in April 2018, the transition to electronic tendering and the focus on social value. Contract Standing Orders had been reviewed and amendments were proposed that included measures to take account of the changes mentioned above. It was explained that once the Council's Environmental Policy had been approved it would be incorporated into the document.

The Procurement Officers, in particular the Procurement Trainee, were thanked for their work on the review, and for the work on single use plastics in the contractual framework.

In response to question it was confirmed that invoices were paid within 30 days, but where possible, local suppliers were paid faster than that.

Following a question on Brexit and the references to EU regulations in the document it was noted that the EU tender system would be replaced by a UK one.

**RECOMMENDED:** 1) That the new version of Contract Standing Orders be approved.

2) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Monitoring Officer, to make minor changes from time to time to make CSO consistent with legal requirements, changes in Council structures and personnel and best practice;

3) That delegated authority be granted to the Leader, appropriate Portfolio Holder, and the Chief Executive, to add a section on compliance with the Council's Environmental Policy, when that policy has been completed and adopted.

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure that the Council's purchasing and disposal procedures continue to reflect best practice in order to obtain best value and to guard against corruption, discrimination and breaches of public procurement regulations.