



## NOTICE OF MEETING

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date and Time:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 16 February 2021 at 7pm</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet</b>
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## AGENDA

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### **1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of 19 January 2021 are attached to be confirmed and signed as a correct record. **Paper A**

## 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

\***Note:** Members are asked to email [Committee Services](#) in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disclosable, pecuniary and any other interests\*.

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## 4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 6 MEMBER TRAINING – A REVIEW

This report provides an overview of the council's member training to enable a discussion around the support and requirements for Members moving forwards. **Paper B**

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the report and the training undertaken.
2. For any areas of concern; that Overview and Scrutiny make a recommendation to Cabinet for consideration.

## 7 DRAFT BUSINESS CASE FOR HOUSING COMPANY

This covering report presents the Business Case to set up a new Company limited by shares as a vehicle to hold the Council owned Edenbrook development of 41 apartments. At the Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January; Members approved the establishment of a Council owned company subject to the business case being presented to Cabinet in March 2021. The Business Case has been presented in line with HM Treasury Green Book Five Case Business Model. **Paper C**

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee forwards to Cabinet any comments it has on the Business Case to Cabinet.

## **8 DRAFT BUDGET 2021/2022**

This report provides a summary of the revenue and capital budget proposals for 2021/2022 approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council. The report also includes the statutory statement of the Head of Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer) to Council on the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves. This proposed budget references numbers included in the final Finance settlement for 2021/2022 which was published on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

It is important to note that the Government's multi-year Spending Review, due in 2019 was once again replaced by a short-term Spending Round. What this means is that, in substance, any budget to be proposed will only be for one-year only. No figures have been made available for local government funding beyond 2021/22, either nationally or locally. This report therefore cannot give any realistic projection for 2022/2023, however indicative budget requirements have been entered. **Paper D**

### **RECOMMENDATION to Council**

That Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the following recommendations to Council approved by Cabinet on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 providing their comments to be considered in the production of the final budget papers to Council.

- a) That the level of Council Tax for 2021/22 be increased by £5 (2.9%) and set at £181.84 for a band D property.
- b) That the summary revenue budget for 2021/22 as set out in paragraph 12 of this report be approved.
- c) That the capital programme for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.
- d) That no changes be made to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2021/22 but that a full review of this takes place and is reported to Council in September 2021.

## **9 2021-22 BUDGET MONITORING – TO END OF DECEMBER**

To advise the Committee of the position on revenue and capital expenditure at the end of December 2020. Cabinet will consider this report at its meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The forecast overspend on controllable budgets is £612k for 2020/21 before accounting adjustments; any deficit required will be transferred from Reserves at the end of the year after all year end adjustments have taken place. Accounting adjustments can significantly affect the year end position as it is only then that we can fully account for key areas of spend such as Housing Benefits and Business Rates payments to cover policy decisions made by Central Government during the year. **Paper E**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. To note the revised projections and reasons for the main revenue variations highlighted in Paragraph 4 and analysed in Appendix 1.
2. To note the current spending position for Capital shown in Paragraph 5 and Appendix 2 which includes project details.

### **10 NOMINATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNING IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN MONITORING**

To confirm nominations to join a cross party working group to monitor the action plan for the Planning Performance Peer Review.

### **11 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME**

The Cabinet Work Programme is attached for information. **Paper F**

### **12 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme is attached for consideration and amendment. **Paper G**

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