

STRATEGIC HOUSING AND PLANNING

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Strategic Housing and Planning:-

TUESDAY, 8th MARCH, 2022

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Hewitt	- Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning
Councillor Silvester	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor T. Wilkinson	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. G. Brough	- Director of Place
Mr. P. Whittingham	- Assistant Director of Economic Development and Regeneration
Ms. H. Gorman	- Borough Solicitor
Ms. J. Pollard	- Head of Strategic Finance
Mrs. V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

14. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

**15. DIRECTORATE OF PLACE – BUDGET REPORT
2022/23**

The Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Place (Development) submitted a joint report which outlined the portfolio Revenue Budgets, fees and charges updates, savings proposals and Capital Programme within the Directorate of Place.

The report represented the final stage of the Corporate Business Planning Process (CBPP) for 2022/23 and outlined the Revenue Budget for the Directorate of Place.

In addition, the report included the Capital Programme for the period 2022/23 to 2023/24.

The proposed Revenue Budget for the Directorate of Place for 2022/23 was £34,340,900. Table 1 provided an objective analysis of the budget, with the information analysed by Service Area.

Appendix A to the report provided a detailed variance analysis of changes between the original Budget for 2021/22 and the proposed Budget for 2022/23.

The proposed strategic budget for the Directorate of Place was £34,340,900.

In setting the previous Strategic Budget for 2020/21, the Directorate of Place was required to implement £6.161m of saving and efficiency reductions over the 2021/23 financial years. £3.689m of reductions had been implemented during 2020/21, leaving £2.472m to be completed in 2022/23.

In this regard, the report sought approval from the Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning to approve proposals to increase the Planning Application fees. Certain planning and building control fees were set in accordance to statutory guidance or based on cost recovery

only. In these instances, price increases may vary from the 2% inflationary guidance. Increases in other planning service fees may also be varied on an individual basis outside of the guidance level in order to maintain the overall budgeted total income increase of 2% across planning services.

Appendix B to the report provided details of the Directorate of Place Capital Programme for 2022/23 to 23/24 which totalled £151,761,362.

The report proposed a net budget for the Directorate of Place of £34,340,900.

The Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning NOTED –

- (i) The proposed revenue budget of £34,340,900 prior to the adoption of savings;**
- (ii) The capital programme of £151,761,362; and**
APPROVED –
- (iii) The proposal to vary increases in fees relating to planning services for 2022/23, as set out in paragraph 5.2.1 of the report now submitted.**