

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environmental Services, Waste and Waste Collection, Regulatory and Neighbourhood and Community Services:-

MONDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2019

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

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor P. Wild	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Flitcroft	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. G. Brough	Director of Place
Ms. K. Hopkins	Assistant Head of Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services
Mr. D. Shepherd	Principal Group Accountant
Miss. P. Clyne	Principal Licensing Officer
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

39. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which set out the details of previous Executive Cabinet Member decisions together with an update on the action and progress.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

40. STRATEGIC BUDGET REPORT – DIRECTORATE OF PLACE 2019/20

The Director of Place and the Borough Treasurer submitted a joint report which set out details of the revenue and capital budgets for the Place Directorate for 2019/20.

This report represented the final stage of the Corporate Business Planning Process for 2019/20.

The report also explained that in the recent budget consultation report of 3rd December, 2018, budget reductions of £23.5m had been allocated to directorates. This equated to £5.7m for the Place Directorate.

The final budget report was presented to full Council on 20th February, 2019.

The report went onto set out specific details of the revenue budget options for 2019/20.

An amended portfolio breakdown sheet was tabled, referenced 6.14.

The Executive Cabinet Member -

- (i) NOTED The proposed revenue budget of £39,731,000 prior to the adoption of savings options.**
- (ii) NOTED The savings options in Appendix B to the report totalling £5,700,000. Following this, the Strategic Budget will amount to £34,031,000.**
- (iii) APPROVED the budget options indicated in paragraph 6.14 which relate to this portfolio.**
- (iv) NOTED the capital programme of £73,196,000.**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the

grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

41. REQUEST TO COMMISSION A TAXI AND UNMET DEMAND SURVEY

The Director of Place submitted a report which sought approval to commission a taxi and unmet demand survey.

The report explained that the Council currently had a policy that limited the number of hackney carriage vehicle licenses issued. HM Government guidance prescribes that where hackney carriage vehicle licenses were limited an unmet demand survey should be conducted at least every three years. It was three years since the last survey was undertaken.

The report also sought approval for a process for cost recovery of the cost of the taxi and unmet demand survey.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED-

- (i) The commission of a taxi and unmet demand survey and set the scope of the survey.**
- (ii) That the next revision of licence fees includes an ongoing levy to cover the cost of the 3 yearly survey – to be reviewed after each survey to ensure that the levy is set at a level that achieves cost recovery and that any surplus or deficit from the previous levy is considered as part of any revision.**
- (iii) That the findings from the survey be reported to the Executive Cabinet Member for consideration and action as appropriate.**