

## **CABINET**

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2018

## **DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 16 October 2019. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

### **6 South Ribble Council Branding**

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet agree to the wider South Ribble Borough Council brand perception to form part of the up-coming citizen survey.
2. That Cabinet considers the options for brand update/change and commits to making the minimum change necessary following the Citizen Survey feedback.
3. That Scrutiny Committee will consider the results of the Citizen Survey feedback in relation to the branding options before coming back to Cabinet for decision.

### **7 South Ribble Borough Council Website Refresh**

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet approves to fund the 2019/20 costs from the £20,000 allocated in the Place Promotion budget and the remainder from 2019/20 underspends.
2. That Cabinet approves an annual increase in the revenue budget from 2020/21 onwards to fund the annual licence and maintenance costs.
3. That Cabinet agrees to a joint procurement process with Chorley Council in which South Ribble Borough Council will take the lead.
4. That Cabinet agrees to waive all relevant Contract Procedure Rules (in particular paragraph 11 (High Value Procurement)) to allow Council to award the contract to one of the shortlisted providers rather than go through a procurement exercise through the Chest.
5. That Cabinet grants delegated authority to the Director of Customer and Digital in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Property and Assets to allow a direct award to the provider offering the most advantageous solution following completion of market engagement.

### **8 Worden Hall Update**

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet commits to undertake further detailed modelling and appraisal of Option 1 (Community Use) and Option 2 (small weddings/events venue) with a finalised recommendation and implementation plan back to Cabinet in January 2020.

## **9 Garden Waste Charging Policy and Container Charging**

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet recommends Council to reduce the charge for the provision of the garden waste collection service from £30 per annum to £25 per annum from April 2020. This being a 17% tax reduction in the Garden Waste collection charge.
2. That Cabinet approves the changes in policy relating to the changes in policy relating to the charges for the replacement of damaged waste containers.
3. That a review of the Garden Waste Charging Policy be undertaken, that will look at further reductions or removal of charges for those on pension credit or low incomes, composting and Christmas tree disposal.

## **10 110,000 Trees a Global Legacy**

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet approves the tree planting plan detailed in the report and will provide on-going support, feedback and suggestions that can help shape/inform the ongoing process.
2. That Cabinet authorises capital expenditure on this scheme over a four year period up to the overall budget of £160,000 to be allocated from the approved Green Links capital budgets.

## **11 Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options**

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet approves the Central Lancashire Issues and Options paper in Appendix One as the first stage in the preparation of the new Central Lancashire Local Plan, in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
2. That Cabinet approves the document as drafted, recognising that to make any changes at this stage would delay the subsequent approval of the final version as the same version must be approved by all three Councils.
3. That Cabinet approves the proposed methods of consultation including the online portal Citizenspace, and the programme for drop-in events and elected member learning sessions.
4. That Cabinet approves the key timetable for the consultation commencing on Monday 18 November 2019 at 12.01am and closing at 12.59pm on Friday 14 February 2020, making sure that all Neighbourhood Forums are consulted.
5. That Cabinet agree to the commencement of the consultation upon the arrival by all three Central Lancashire councils (subject to any call-in periods).
6. That Cabinet grants delegated authority to the Director of Planning and Property in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration and City Deal, to undertake any minor text, layout and formatting changes as necessary.

## **12 Apprentice Factory Development Plan Update**

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet notes the updated project plans contained within the report, which have an additional focus on assisting harder to reach people.
2. That Cabinet requests the use of the acronym NEET (not in Employment, Education or Training) is removed from any future documentation.

### 13 Standard Financial Statement

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet notes the Standard Financial Statement guidelines as summarised within this report and appended to the report.
2. That Cabinet notes the proposals within the report including the current debt recovery procedures and the recommendation to undertake further work in relation to the Council signing up fully to the Standard Statement code of conduct appended to the report.
3. That Cabinet requests the Council Tax Protocol to be reviewed and brought back to Cabinet for approval.

### 14 Council Tax Empty Properties and Second Homes Report

Decision made:

1. That Cabinet recommends Council to approve the proposed policy changes for the removal of the 10% discount applied for Council Tax Second Homes.
2. That Cabinet recommends Council to approve the proposed policy changes to increase the Council Tax Long Term Empty Premium charge from 1 April 2020 as shown:

Effective Date	Empty Period	Existing Premium	Proposed Premium
1 April 2020	2-5 years	50%	100%
	5 years +	50%	200%
1 April 2021	2-5 years	50%	100%
	5-10 years	50%	200%
	10 years+	50%	300%

3. That Cabinet recommends Council to approve the new Council Tax Local Empty Discounts and Exemptions Policy to reflect the changes above.