

Council

Wednesday, 23 February

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 23 February 2022. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

5 Urgent Decisions

Noted.

6 Governance Committee

Noted.

7 Scrutiny Committee

Noted.

8 Fair Collection Charter

1. To adopts the new Fair Collection Charter.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Member (Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building) to approve cost-neutral changes to the policy.

9 Review of Council Tax Support Scheme

To approve the following revisions to the Council Tax Support Scheme:

- a. Removal of the baseline Council Tax charge of £3.50 per week for working age claimants in receipt of:
 - o Universal Credit and some level of earnings or non-disregarded other income
 - o Other low-income groups not receiving Universal Credit nor a passported benefit
- b. The revised scheme is approved with effect from 1 April 2022.

10 Employment Matter - Decision

Noted.

11 Future development of shared services

1. To approve the principles for the shared services relationship with Chorley Council set out at paragraph 23.
2. To approve that the approach to the future development of shared services set out at paragraph 24.
3. To approve the creation of a Strategic Lead (Future Investments) as a shared post.
4. To approve the creation of a Director of Change and Delivery as a shared post.
5. To approve for consultation the creation of a permanent shared arrangement for development projects, with authority delegated to the Leader to approve the final arrangements.
6. To approve for consultation the creation of a shared pest control service, with authority delegated to the Leader to approve the final arrangements.
7. To adjust the membership of the Shared Services Joint Appointments Panel to include one additional Cabinet Member from each council, in recognition of the central role that shared services now plays in the appointment of Chief Officers.

12 Revenue Budget 2022/23, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme 2022-2025

- a) Approve the budget and proposals set out in this report, including the level of Council Tax as set out in the Formal Council Tax Resolution, including Parish Precepts, for 2022/23, at Appendix A;
- b) Note the advice of the Chief Finance Officer in relation to the robustness of the estimates within the overall budget, including the risks contained within it and the adequacy of the proposed level of financial reserves, as set out in the Statutory Report at Appendices B1 – B3;
- c) Approve the council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) at Appendix C;
- d) Note the council's forecast Cumulative Budget Deficit and Budget Strategy 2021-22 to 2024-25 at Appendix D;
- e) Note the analysis of the movement in the 2022/23 Budget from the position approved by Council in February 2021 at Appendix E;
- f) Approve the capital programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25 (Appendices F1, F2 & F3);
- g) Approve the Capital Strategy at Appendix G;
- h) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy at Appendix H and note the advice of the treasury management consultants at Appendix H1;
- i) Approve the council's Pay Policy at Appendix I for publication on the council's website from April 2022;
- j) Note the budget consultation 2022/23 Report at Appendix J;
- k) Note the Assessing the Impact of Budget Proposals 2022/23 Report at Appendix K.

13 Recruitment of Chief Executive

To approve the proposals for the recruitment for a new Chief Executive.

16 Exclusion of Press and Public

Approved.

17 **Leyland Town Deal Business Case Report**

1. To approve the funds allocation from the Council to deliver the Leyland Town Deal Scheme as set out at Table 4.
2. To approve a further budget of £32,104,973 to deliver the Leyland Town Deal scheme to take the total overall budget including grant and match funding to £38,001,937. The breakdown of the funding is detailed in Table 4.
3. To acknowledge that whilst the funds allocation does require some borrowing by SRBC to deliver the scheme, it is intended that further future CIL receipts or other funding opportunities would be used to offset any borrowing.
4. To approve a commitment to delivery of the scheme through the submission of the business case.
5. To acknowledge that an update on the funding profile / opportunities and further details on the revenue model will be brought to Members as the scheme progresses.
6. To acknowledge that the scheme put forward has been approved by the town Deal Board and that the public realm works will be phased and delivered last in the programme to identify options for changes in the scope that align with the financial commitment of the Council,
7. To acknowledge that the business case will be approved by the Leader, Section 151 Officer and Town Deal Chair prior to submission.
8. To delegate to the Director of Finance to investigate and action as appropriate options around 'Opting to Tax' on the relevant properties to ensure the Council remains within VAT exemption limits.