SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 19 JULY 2021

Present:

Councillor Fitzhenry Councillor Moulton Councillor Hannides Councillor S Galton Councillor Vassiliou Councillor P Baillie Councillor Harwood -

Apologies: Councillor White and J Baillie

3. <u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS</u>

Cabinet approved the following amendments to the Executive Appointments for 2021-22:-

- Corporate Parenting Committee Councillor P Baillie
- Solent Growth Forum Councillor Kaur

4. BUDGET 2021-22 AND BEYOND – UPDATE

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 31943)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Capital Assets, Cabinet agreed the following:-

CAPITAL PROGRAMME (GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT)

That Cabinet:

- i) Notes the proposed additions to the General Fund capital programme to 2022/23 and its financing as shown in table 1 (paragraph 12);
- ii) Notes the total additions amounting to £22.007M for the General Fund.

 These schemes are proposed to be included in the capital programme with approval to spend £21.007M plus a further £1.000M (as detailed paragraph 14) which will require subsequent approval to spend;
- iii) Notes the proposed additions amounting to £4.431M to 2022/23 in the HRA capital programme with approval to spend and its financing as shown in table 3 (paragraph 19).

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

That Cabinet:

- iv) Notes the budget proposals of the Executive as set out in table 2 (paragraph 15), to deliver the manifesto pledges of the Administration:
- v) Notes the revised Medium Term Financial Forecast (MTFF) estimate for 2022/23 as set out in table 5 and paragraphs 23 to 27, with an update of the MTFF to be brought forward during the autumn.
- vi) Notes that the proposed additional net revenue spend for 2021/22 of £2.132M will be funded from the central contingency budget.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

That Cabinet:

vii) Notes the additions to the Housing Revenue Account budget estimates as set out in table 4 (paragraph 21).

5. BUDGET MATTERS: REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2020-21

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 31932)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Capital Assets, Cabinet agreed the following:-

General Fund - Revenue

That Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the General Fund revenue outturn for 2020/21 is a balanced position after transfer of £8.63M surplus to reserves, as outlined in paragraph 4 and in paragraph 2 of Appendix 1.
- (ii) Noted the performance of individual Portfolios in managing their budgets as set out in paragraphs 3 to 6 of Appendix 1 and Annex 1.1.
- (iii) Recommends Council to approve the budget carry-forward requests totalling £6.06M as outlined in paragraph 8 of Appendix 1 and detailed in Annex 1.3.
- (iv) Recommends Council to note the performance of the Property Investment Fund (PIF) as detailed in paragraphs 9 to 11 of Appendix 1 and Annex 1.4.
- (v) Noted that the level of General Fund balances at 31 March 2021 was £10.07M and the level of earmarked reserves was £134.55M as detailed in paragraph 18 and 19 of Appendix 1 and Annex 1.5.
- (vi) Noted the accounts for the Collection Fund in 2020/21 detailed in paragraphs 24 to 29 of Appendix 1 and Annex 1.7.
- (vii) Accepts the allocation of £1.011M Rough Sleeping Initiative funding for 2021/22 secured through the recent bidding round.

Housing Revenue Account

That Cabinet:

(viii) Noted the HRA revenue outturn for 2020/21 as outlined in paragraph 6 and paragraphs 21 to 23 of Appendix 1 and Annex 1.6.

Capital Programme

That Cabinet:

- (ix) Noted the actual capital spending in 2020/21 for the General Fund was £50.20M and for the HRA was £33.97M, as outlined in paragraphs 10 and 11 below and detailed in paragraphs 3 to 6 of Appendix 2.
- (x) Noted the capital financing in 2020/21 as shown in table 3 of Appendix 2.
- (xi) Noted the revised capital programme for 2020/21 to 2025/26 and its financing as summarised in paragraph 11 of Appendix 2 and detailed in Annex 2.2.
- (xii) Noted the latest prudential indicators for the revised capital programme as detailed in Annex 2.3.

6. ADOPTING A DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SOUTHAMPTON

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 32006)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Heritage, Cabinet agreed the following:-

- (i) That Cabinet agrees and adopts the Southampton Destination Management Plan 2021-2031 as attached at Appendix 1
- (ii) That Cabinet agrees to additional resources to support the creation and implementation of a virtual Destination Management Partnership. Specifically, the additional resource will be 1 additional post to (£50, 000 per annum) to support bespoke marketing, engagement and inward investment and a funding pot of £50, 000 per annum for the partnership to act as seed funding for future investment.
- (iii) That the Head of Culture & Tourism is delegated authority to make minor and consequential amendments to the Plan, take all decisions and actions arising from recommendations of the DMO partnership and any other ancillary decisions required in order to give effect to the recommendations in this report;
- (iv) That the Head of Culture & Tourism is delegated authority to agree the Terms of Reference of the DMO Partnership Board following consultation with Board Members.

7. REMOVAL OF EVENING PARKING CHARGES AND SUSPENSION OF OFF-STREET SUNDAY PARKING CHARGES

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 31973)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Growth, Cabinet agreed the following:-

- (i) Remove parking charges from all on-street pay and display bays between 18:00 and 20:00 and all Council off-street car parks between 18:00 and Midnight.
- (ii) To commit to proposing the re-implementation of evening charges in the Council's 5 Multi-Storey car parks from 1st June 2023.
- (iii) Suspend parking charges on Sundays in all Council off-street car parks between 12:00 and 18:00 until 02/01/2022

8. GO! SOUTHAMPTON BID RENEWAL BALLOT*

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 31854)

- On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Customer Service and Transformation, Cabinet agreed the following:-
- (i) To instruct the Returning Officer to hold a ballot in relation to GO! Southampton's renewal proposals. The postal ballot will run for at least 28 days prior to closing on 11 November 2021.
- (ii) To agree to delegate authority to Executive Director of Place to vote on behalf of the Council in the GO! Southampton ballot, as a non-domestic ratepayer of Council-owned properties in the enlarged BID area. (A map of the current and new BID areas can be found in Appendix 2.)
- (iii) Authorise the Service Director Legal and Business Operations to complete the necessary legal agreements required for the operation of the GO! Southampton BID arrangements.