



CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2019

DECISIONS

PRESENT:	Councillor Nunn (Chair); Councillor Larratt (Deputy Chair); Councillors Eldred, Hadland, Hallam and Hibbert .
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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 20 February 2019. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

These decisions will come into force and then may be implemented on the expiry of three working days after the publication of this list.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Ed Bostock, ext 7722.

THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:	<u>21st Febraury 2019</u>
DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:	<u>26th February 2019 AT 17:00 HOURS</u>

Agenda	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
Item No	None

7. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/2020 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019/2020 - 2022/2023

- 2.1. Cabinet considered and welcomed the feedback from consultation with the public, organisations and the Overview and Scrutiny and Audit Committees (detailed at appendices 9, 10 and 11 of the report).
- 2.2. Cabinet agreed the changes to the proposed budget (detailed at paragraph 3.2.10 of the report), in light of technical adjustments and the Local Government Funding Settlement.
- 2.3. Cabinet recommended to Council the general fund revenue budget for 2019/20 of £27.495m (excluding parishes) for its own purposes (detailed in paragraph 3.2.8 and appendices 1 and 2 of the report).
- 2.4. Cabinet agreed that the Council be recommended to increase the council tax for its own purposes (excluding county, police, fire and parish

precepts) by £6.56 (2.99%) per year per band D property for 2019/20.

- 2.5. Cabinet recommended to Council that they approve the general fund capital programme and proposed financing for 2019/20, including the inclusion of schemes in the development pool, as set out in appendix 4 of the report.
- 2.6. Cabinet agreed that Council be recommended to confirm a minimum level of general fund reserves of £4.0m for 2019/20, having regard to the outcome of the financial risk assessment, and also noted the position on earmarked reserves (appendix 7 of the report).
- 2.7. Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, and where appropriate the relevant Head of Service and Cabinet Member to:
 - Transfer monies to/from earmarked reserves should that become necessary during the financial year.
 - Update prudential indicators in both the prudential indicators report and treasury strategy report to Council, for any budget changes that impact on these.
- 2.8. Cabinet approved the draft fees and charges set out in appendix 8 of the report, including immediate implementation where appropriate.
- 2.9. Cabinet recommended to Council that they approve the treasury management strategy (and associated appendices) for 2019/20 at appendix 5 of this report.
- 2.10. Cabinet delegated authority to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to make any temporary changes needed to the Council's borrowing and investment strategy to enable the authority to meet its obligations.
- 2.11. Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer to make any technical changes necessary to the papers for the Council meeting of 25 February 2019, including changes to the finance settlement and change relating to parish precepts and council tax levels associated with those changes.

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8. HRA BUDGET, RENT SETTING 2019/2020 AND BUDGET PROJECTIONS 2020/2021 TO 2022/23

- 2.1 Cabinet recommended to Council to approve:
 - a) An average rent decrease of 1% per dwelling, in line with the legislation and the government's national rent policy, to take effect from 1st April 2019.

- b) The HRA budget for 2019/20 of £51.8m expenditure detailed in Appendix 1.
 - c) The HRA capital programme for 2019/20, including future year commitments, and proposed financing as set out in Appendix 2.
 - d) The proposed service charges listed in Appendix 3.
 - e) That Cabinet be authorised, once the capital programme has been set, to approve new capital schemes and variations to existing schemes during 2019/20, subject to the funding being available and the schemes being in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the Council.
 - f) The Total Fees proposed for NPH to deliver the services in scope for 2019/20 detailed in Appendix 4.
- 2.2 Cabinet acknowledged the issues and risks detailed in the Chief Finance Officer's statement on the robustness of estimates and the adequacy of the reserves.
- 2.3 Cabinet agreed that the Council be recommended to confirm the reserves strategy of protecting balances wherever possible to allow the option of supporting future years' budgets, aiming for a minimum level of unallocated Housing Revenue Account balances of at least £5m for 2019/20 having regard to the outcome of the financial risk assessment.
- 2.4 Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer to make any technical changes necessary to the papers for the Council meeting of 25 February 2019.
- 2.5 Cabinet agreed that the Council be recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer to implement any retained HRA budget options and restructures.
- 2.6 Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, and where appropriate the relevant Head of Service and Portfolio Holder to:
- transfer monies to/from earmarked reserves should that become necessary during the financial year.
 - transfer monies to /from HRA working balances between the Council and NPH for cash flow purposes should that become necessary during the financial year.
 - update the budget tables and appendices, prior to Council should any further changes be necessary.
 - update prudential indicators in both the Prudential Indicators report and Treasury Strategy report, for Council for any budget changes that impact on these.

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9. ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND ADEQUACY OF RESERVES

- 2.1 Cabinet recommended to Council to carefully consider the content of this report with regards to the general fund and HRA prior to recommending the approval of the Council's MTFP 2019/23, the revenue budget for 2019/20, capital programme 2019/23 and the treasury management strategy 2019/20.

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10. AMENDMENTS TO THE OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER AND INCREASING PARKING TARIFFS

Cabinet agreed to the following changes to increase in parking tariffs (see appendix 2 of the report) and amendments to the Off Street Parking Places Order.

Council's surface car parks:

- 2.1 Introduce minimum 2 hour parking with a tariff fee of £2
- 2.2 Introduce 2 - 5 hour parking with a tariff fee of £4
- 2.3 Increase evening parking tariff (17.00 – 23.59 hours) to £3
- 2.4 Increase overnight parking tariff (17.00 – 10.00 hours) to £3

Council's multi-storey car parks

- 2.5 Maintain free two-hour parking (Monday – Friday only)
- 2.6 Introduce a 2 – 5 hour parking with a tariff fee of £4
- 2.7 Increase evening parking tariff (17.00 – 23.59 hours) to £3
- 2.8 Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration and Enterprise authority to implement changes to the proposals contained in this report, including amendments to the Off Street Parking Places Order, undertaking the statutory public notices, consultation and dealing with any responses.

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11. GRANT OF LEASE ON DELAPRE STABLE YARD

Cabinet agreed:

- 2.9 To grant a 25 year lease (the "Lease) to Delapré Abbey Preservation Trust (DAPT) for the area outlined in red on the plans at annex 1 and annex 2;
- 2.10 That the annual rent payable to the Council by the Trust shall be one peppercorn;
- 2.11 That the terms of the Lease shall be as outlined in the draft Heads of Terms at annex 3;
- 2.12 That authority be delegated to the Head of Economy, Assets and Culture in consultation with the Borough Secretary, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Leader of the Council to finalise the terms of the lease in accordance with the draft Heads of Terms, and to take any other actions necessary to complete the Lease.
- 2.13 To authorise the advertisement of the proposed disposal of public open space in accordance with s.123 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

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12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE - EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 2.1 Cabinet agreed to the delegation of executive functions, in so far as these relate to the proposed terms of reference for the Joint Committee, attached at appendix 1.
- 2.2 Cabinet agreed such delegations outlined in 2.1 above to become effective if council approves the establishment of the Joint Committee, outlined in the attached report to Full Council at appendix 1.
- 2.3 Cabinet noted and recommended to council the establishment of a Joint Committee.

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13. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE ALL MEASURES REPORT QUARTER 3

- 2.14 Cabinet reviewed the contents of the performance report (Appendix 1) and recommended actions to be taken, if any, to address the issues arising.
- 2.2. Cabinet agreed that the Annual Performance Report will be presented in June of each year to the Audit Committee.

