

Record of the decisions of the meeting of the **CABINET** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 28 February 2022 at 11.00 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor T J Bartlett

Councillors: M Bates
O C de R Richardson
C A Vinson

Also Present: Councillor S H Beer
Councillor H M Williams
Councillor C D Zosseder

Officers: Chief Executive
Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)
Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial)
Head of Commercial Services
Head of Finance and Investment
Head of Governance and HR
Transport and Parking Services Manager
PR and Marketing Officer
Democratic Services Officer

The formal decisions of the executive are detailed in the following schedule.

Record of Decisions: Executive Functions

Decision Status	Record of Decision	Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	Reasons for Decision	Conflicts of interest (if any) declared by decision maker(s) or consultees (if any)
CAB 82 28.2.22 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 8 March 2022	<u>APOLOGIES</u> It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors N S Kenton and D P Murphy.	None.	To note any apologies for absence.	
Decision Status	Record of Decision	Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	Reasons for Decision	Conflicts of interest (if any) declared by decision maker(s) or consultees (if any)
CAB 83 28.2.22 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were no declarations of interest.	None.	To note any declarations of interest.	

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CAB 84 28.2.22 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 8 March 2022	<u>RECORD OF DECISIONS</u> It was agreed that the decisions of the meeting held on 7 February 2022, as detailed in decision numbers CAB 77 to CAB 81, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	None.	Cabinet is required to approve the Record of Decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 7 February 2022.	
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CAB 85 28.2.22 Open Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 8 March 2022	<u>COUNCIL BUDGET 2022/23 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/23-2025/26</u> It was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendation (b), made at its meeting held on 21 February 2022 (Minute No 116), be approved as follows: 'That the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet be encouraged to consider the points raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 21 February 2022 in respect of the need for clarification over the intended use of the smoothing reserve and that the ESG investment policy links to achieving the Council's climate change targets.'	None.	At its meeting held on 21 February 2022, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered Cabinet decision CAB 80 of 7 February 2022 and made a recommendation.	

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<p>CAB 86 28.2.22 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 8 March 2022</p>	<p><u>REVIEW OF ON AND OFF-STREET PARKING CHARGES</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the outcome of the annual review of parking charges be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the proposed parking charge options set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.</p> <p>(c) That each of the Transport and Parking Services Manager and the Head of Commercial Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services, be authorised to take all necessary legal and procedural processes to give effect to the agreed recommendations set out at Appendix 1, including the giving of notices and the making or amendment of any orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and also the making of arrangements with the Dover Harbour Board pursuant to Section 33(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>It was agreed in 2011 that the Council's on-street and off-street parking charges should be reviewed annually. Cabinet is asked to note the outcome of this year's review and agree the proposed changes.</p>	
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<p>CAB 87 28.2.22</p>	<p><u>COUNCIL BUDGET 2022/23 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/23-2025/26</u></p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The Medium-Term Financial Plan</p>	

<p>Open</p> <p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply (a) Yes (b) No</p> <p>Implementation Date (a) 8 March 2022 (b) 3 March 2022</p>	<p>(a) It was agreed:</p> <p>(i) That, subject to Council approving the 2022/23 budget, the grants to organisations, as set out at Annex 9 of the report, be approved as follows:</p> <p>Grants to Concessionary Rentals 2022/23 - £30,005 Various grants towards rentals/lease charges:</p> <p>Sandwich Tennis Club - £50 Aylesham Parish Council - £75 Dover Bowling Club - £225 Victoria Park Bowling Club - £355 Deal & Walmer Angling Club - £325 Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council - £450 Dover Rugby Football Club - £1,225 Dover Rugby Football Club - £1,750 Dover Athletic Football Club - £2,500 Dover Athletic Football Club - £8,000 Dover Citizens' Advice Bureau - £11,800 Cross Links - £3,250</p> <p>Financial Assistance Payments to Other Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Your Leisure - £100,350 Agreed budget for Tides Leisure Centre</p> <p>Pegasus Playscheme - £1,500 Provision of a playscheme for children with disabilities</p> <p>Age Concern - £1,500 Provision of area office services</p> <p>Kent County Council - £3,000</p>		<p>(MTFP) is the Council's key financial planning tool and underpins the Council's financial planning strategy and corporate planning process. The MTFP 2022/23 - 2025/26 incorporates the General Fund Revenue Budget, the Housing Revenue Account Budget and the Capital and Special Projects Programmes. Cabinet approval is required for the 2022/23 budget and MTFP before final approval by Council on 2 March 2022.</p>	
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	<p>Contribution to Sports Partnership</p> <p>Gazen Salts Nature Reserve - £4,500 To assist in managing and maintaining the reserve</p> <p>Sandwich Town Cricket Club - £16,000 To assist the club in defraying its expenditure in managing, maintaining and improving the recreation grounds at The Butts and Gazen Salts</p> <p>Dover Outreach Centre - £10,000 Grant towards Winter Shelter costs</p> <p>Dover Rugby Club - £12,600 For ground maintenance at Crabble Athletic Ground</p> <p>Victoria Bowls - £1,000 Contribution to running expenses of the club</p> <p>Dover Bowling Club - £4,000 Grant towards ground maintenance at Dover Bowling Green</p> <p>Dover Citizens' Advice Bureau - £102,000 Core funding grant including £10,000 from Housing Revenue Account, plus £3,500 service charge contribution and £1,500 for other potential services</p> <p>Neighbourhood Forums - £22,500 Grant to support voluntary and community organisations</p> <p>Deal Town Council - £5,000 Astor Theatre grant</p> <p>Action with Communities in Rural Kent - £3,500 Contribution to rural housing</p>			
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	<p>(ii) That the various Cabinet recommendations produced at the end of the sections within the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP), summarised in Annex 10 to Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.</p> <p>(b) It was agreed that it be recommended to Council:</p> <p>(i) That the General Fund Revenue budget, the Capital and Special Projects Programmes, the Housing Revenue Account budget, the Council Tax Resolution and the content of the MTFP be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance, Digital and Climate Change, be authorised to draw on the Earmarked Smoothing Reserve to meet in-year variations in the budget.</p> <p>(iii) That a Council Tax increase of 2.6% for Dover District Council (DDC) purposes be approved, resulting in an increase on Band D properties of £4.95 per year and an annual DDC Council Tax of £202.14.</p> <p>(iv) To note that it is the view of the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) & Section 151 Officer, having due regard to the circumstances and the range of uncertainties, that the budget has been prepared in an appropriate and prudent manner and that, as far as can be determined, and based upon the information available at the time of producing the report, the estimates are robust and the resources are adequate for the Council's spending plans in 2022/23.</p> <p>(v) That the various Council recommendations at the end of the sections within the attached budget and MTFP, summarised</p>			
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	in Annex 10 to Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.			
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The meeting ended at 11.18 am.