

To receive and, where necessary, adopt reports of Committees

(Some reports may involve the disclosure of exempt information. If the Council wishes to debate them, for each individual case the Council will need to adopt a suitable motion).

7.1 To receive the minutes of the following meetings:

- 7.1.1 Northern Area Planning Committee – 22 October 2020
- 7.1.2 Southern Area Planning Committee – 27 October 2020
- 7.1.3 General Purposes Committee – 4 November 2020
- 7.1.4 Cabinet – 4 November 2020
- 7.1.5 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 10 November 2020
- 7.1.6 Southern Area Planning Committee – 17 November 2020
- 7.1.7 Licensing Committee – 19 November 2020
- 7.1.8 Cabinet – 2 December 2020
- 7.1.9 Southern Area Planning Committee – 8 December 2020
- 7.1.10 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 9 December 2020
- 7.1.11 Northern Area Planning Committee – 7 January 2021
- 7.1.12 Southern Area Planning Committee – 12 January 2021
- 7.1.13 Cabinet – 13 January 2021
- 7.1.14 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 January 2021

(Note: in relation to 7.1.12, 7.1.13 and 7.1.14 these minutes are not included in the minute book and will be presented at the next Council meeting but members are able to ask questions on resolved items.)

7.2 To adopt recommendations from the following:

- 7.2.1 Cabinet – 2 December 2020

7.2.1.1 Asset Management Plan Update (APPENDIX A)

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance Portfolio Holder which provided an update on the approved 2020/21 Asset Management Plan (AMP) and recommended projects to be included in the 2021/22 budget.

The Plan provided an update on the financing of AMP projects, including a forecast of the balance on the Asset Management Reserve at 31 March 2022.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended:

- 1. That the revised 2020/21 and original 2021/22 Asset Management Plan be approved and funded as set out in paragraph 9.5 and Annex 1 and 2 to the report.**
- 2. That the Head of Finance and Revenues, after consultation with the Finance Portfolio holder and Head of Service responsible for any project, be authorised to amend the Asset Management Plan during the year, as discussed in paragraph 7.3.**

7.2.1.2 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 – 2023/24 (APPENDIX B)

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance Portfolio Holder which set out the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 – 2023/24.

The Medium Term Financial Strategy sets out the framework within which the 2021/22 budget would be prepared as well as setting out the Medium Term Financial Forecast for the General Fund Revenue Budget, which would form the basis of the 2021/22 budget.

The strategy reviewed the impact that COVID-19 has had on the Council's finances in 2020/21 and considered the ongoing effects this would have on budget planning in the medium term.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended:

- 1. That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2021/22 to 2023/24 be approved.**
- 2. That the Medium Term Financial Forecast outlined in Annex 3 to the report be noted.**

7.2.1.3 Capital Programme Update 2020/21 to 2022/23 (APPENDIX C)

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance Portfolio Holder which provided an updated on the Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23.

The Capital Programme update included a summary of the progress of the existing 2020/21 Capital Programme as well as forecast changes to its timescale and total cost.

Proposals for new capital schemes recommended to be added to the Capital Programme over the period 2020/21 to 2022/23 were included. The total cost of new projects recommended for inclusion in the Capital Programme was £1.15M. After taking into account external funding, the net cost of these bids was £300,000 and recommended to be funded from the Capital Receipts Reserve.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended:

- 1. That the new capital schemes with a total cost of £1,150,000 as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be added to the 2020/21 to 2022/23 Capital Programme.**
- 2. That the revised estimates and financing for the 2020/21 to 2022/23 Capital Programme as shown in Annex 2 to the report, be approved.**

7.2.1.4 Funding enhancements to the sports and recreational facilities under construction at Ganger Farm, Romsey (APPENDIX D)

Consideration was given to a report of the Planning Portfolio Holder which provided details of potential enhancements to the sports and recreational facilities under construction at Ganger Farm, Romsey.

The development would provide 9 hectares of floodlit grass and 3G football and rugby pitches with a two storey pavilion, car parking, overflow car park, 4 play areas, ecology trail and landscaped open space.

The opportunity has arisen to improve the specification of the facility beyond that which was originally agreed with the developer. Authority was sought to provide further funding, derived from developer public open space contributions, from Romsey Wards, towards specified additional works and enhancements to the sports and recreational infrastructure to ensure that the pavilion and sports hub had the capacity to better serve multiple user groups and sports activities.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended:

That in order to secure enhancements to sports and recreational facilities at Ganger Farm:

- 1. £207,705 of capital spend be included in the Council's Capital Programme for 2020/21.**
- 2. That recommendation 1 be funded as follows:**
 - a. £82,426 from unallocated section 106 Developer contributions**
 - b. £125,279 from the Capital Receipts Reserve pending receipt of and recoupment from further Section 106 Developer contributions and external funding.**

7.2.1.5 Abbotswood on site public art commission (APPENDIX E)

Consideration was given to a report of the Community and Leisure Portfolio Holder which set out details of the procurement process to select an artist to carry out on site public art at Abbotswood. Test Valley Borough Council had secured a contribution of £61,869 for on-site public art at Abbotswood through Section 106 agreements. A procurement process had been undertaken to select an artist for the commission.

The recommended artist proposed a trail made up of pointer way markers, sculptural way markers and feature sculptures. A detailed programme of community engagement would be undertaken by the artist to develop the proposal. It was anticipated that the project would be completed in January 2022.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended:

- 1. That £56,000 be allocated from Section 106 contributions for on-site public art in respect of the public art commission for Abbotswood in Romsey.**
- 2. That £5,869 be allocated from Section 106 contributions for on-site public art in respect of the future maintenance.**
- 3. To award the contract to Thrussells (Thomas and Gary Thrussell).**

7.2.2 Southern Area Planning Committee – 12 January 2021

Recommendations to follow (if any)

7.2.3 Cabinet – 13 January 2021

7.2.3.1 Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22 (APPENDIX F)

Consideration was given to a report by the Finance Portfolio Holder which explained that given the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and the financial uncertainty this brings to many families, no significant changes are proposed to Test Valley Borough Council's Council Tax Support Scheme for the forthcoming year (2021-22).

A review of the scheme is planned to be undertaken in spring/summer of 2021.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended:

- 1. That the Council Tax Support scheme for 2021/22, as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.**
- 2. That the Head of Finance and Revenues, in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Scheme that are required by the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations 2021 when they are confirmed by the Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government.**
- 3. In the event that the temporary uplift to Universal Credit continues, the Head of Finance and Revenues, in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder, be authorised to continue to disregard the increase in income as a national response to the Covid-19 pandemic.**

7.2.3.2 Nutrient Neutrality – Off Site Mitigation Financial Contributions Framework (APPENDIX G)

Consideration was given to a report of the Planning Portfolio Holder which sought approval for the Council to seek financial contributions to address the adverse effects on the international designated nature conservation sites (SPAs, SACs and Ramsar sites) in and around the Solent, from excessive nutrients in the water environment.

This is in order to provide a mechanism to achieve nutrient neutrality through offsetting the increase in nutrients from wastewater from development.

The financial contributions would then be used by the Council to secure the use of land, including through the purchase of land and/or credits, to provide off site mitigation, in order for development to achieve nutrient neutrality.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended:

- 1. That the Council approves a framework for seeking financial contributions to address the adverse effects on the international designated nature conservation sites (SPAs, SACs and Ramsar sites) in and around the Solent from excessive nutrients in the water environment, as set out in the Annex to the report.**
- 2. That the financial contributions be used to secure the use of land, including through the purchase of land and/or credits, to provide off site mitigation solutions in order to achieve nutrient neutral development.**
- 3. That the Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder be authorised to make changes of a minor nature to improve the presentation of the Annex to the report and to correct typographical errors prior to publication.**

7.2.4 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 January 2021

Recommendations to follow (if any)