

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 Southern Area Planning Committee – 2 November 2021
- 7.1.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 3 November 2021
- 7.1.3 Southern Area Planning Committee – 23 November 2021
- 7.1.4 Cabinet – 8 December 2021
- 7.1.5 Northern Area Planning Committee – 9 December 2021
- 7.1.6 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 15 December 2021
- 7.1.7 Northern Area Planning Committee – 6 January 2022
- 7.1.8 Southern Area Planning Committee – 11 January 2022
- 7.1.9 General Purposes Committee – 12 January 2022
- 7.1.10 Cabinet – 12 January 2022
- 7.1.11 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 19 January 2022

(Note: in relation to 7.1.11, 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 – 8 December 2021
- 7.2.1.1 Asset Management Plan Update (APPENDIX A)

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder which provided an update on the approved 2021/22 Asset Management Plan (AMP) and recommended projects to be included in the 2022/23 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 2023.

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

Recommended:

- 1. That the revised 2021/22 and original 2022/23 Asset Management Plan, as shown in Annexes 1 and 2 to the report, be approved.**
- 2. That the Head of Finance and Revenues, after consultation with the Finance & Resources 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.**

7.1.1.2 Capital Programme Update 2021/22 to 2023/24 (APPENDIX B)

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder which provided an updated on the Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24.

The Capital Programme update included a summary of the progress of the existing 2021/22 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 2021/22 to 2023/24 were included. The total cost of new projects recommended for inclusion in the Capital Programme was £1.10M. After taking into account external funding, the net cost of these bids was £100,000 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 the following:

Recommended:

- 1. That the new capital schemes with a total cost of £1,100,000 as shown in Annex 2 to the report, be added to the 2021/22 to 2023/24 Capital Programme.**
- 2. That the revised estimates and financing for the 2021/22 to 2023/24 Capital Programme as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.**

7.2.1.3 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (APPENDIX C)

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Community, Leisure and Tourism and the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holders which proposed a number of local initiatives to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Her Majesty The Queen would celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, during an extended bank holiday weekend of events and activities from 2–5 June 2022.

Alongside promotion of national schemes to communities across the borough, it was proposed that a series of local initiatives and events be encouraged and supported along with a number of activities promoted by the Borough Council to complement the broader programme of events to allow the communities of Test Valley to honour The Queen and her years of service.

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

Recommended:

- 1. That the proposed programme of events to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee as set out in section five of the report be approved.**
- 2. That £200,000 be added to the Capital Programme for two public art commissions to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, to be funded from New Homes Bonus Reserve.**
- 3. That the application fee for a temporary road closure for public events be waived for those applications that demonstrate that their event is for the purposes of celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee from 2 June 2022 through to 5 June 2022.**

7.2.2 Cabinet – 12 January 2022

7.2.2.1 Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23 (APPENDIX D)

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder which presented the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23.

The Council was required to have a Council Tax Support scheme to assist residents with their liability to pay Council Tax. Given the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and the financial uncertainty this brings to many families, no significant changes were proposed to

Test Valley Borough Council's Council Tax Support Scheme for the forthcoming 2022/23 financial year.

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

Recommended:

1. **That the Council Tax Support scheme for 2022/23, as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.**
2. **That the Head of Finance and Revenues, in consultation with the Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Scheme that are required by the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations 2022 when they are confirmed by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.**
3. **In the event that further temporary uplifts to Universal Credit are introduced, the Head of Finance and Revenues, in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder, be authorised to disregard the increase in income as part of a national response to the Covid-19 pandemic.**

7.2.2.2 Appointment of External Auditors (APPENDIX E)

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder which presented details of arrangements for the provision of external audit services.

The Council's current contract for external audit services was procured through a national exercise undertaken by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd and is due to expire at the end of the 2022/23 financial year.

It was recommended that the Council sign up to the national procurement exercise to appoint a new external auditor in order to provide certainty that the procurement requirements could be achieved within the statutory timescale and to deliver value for money to the Council over the contract period.

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

Recommended:

- 1. That the Council opts in to the national scheme for external auditor appointments being administered by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd.**
- 2. That the Head of Finance and Revenues be authorised to complete all matters necessary to implement a new auditor appointment at the conclusion of the PSAA procurement exercise.**

7.2.2.3 Capital Programme Update – addition of Andover BMX track floodlighting project (APPENDIX F)

Consideration was given to a report of the Community, Leisure and Tourism Portfolio Holder which set out details of an Andover BMX track floodlighting project that was proposed to be added to the Capital Programme.

The Andover BMX Club, with support from the Council, had been successful in raising £75,000 of external funding to deliver the scheme at the Charlton Leisure centre site.

The floodlighting of the track would increase the hours of use and the clubs ability to host midweek events and races with the potential to develop a BMX coaching hub for the southern region. Andover would be the only track outside of London and the midlands with floodlights. It was noted that the project would require planning permission which would be sought in the usual way.

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

Recommended:

The project described at paragraph 6.1 of the report is added to the Council's capital programme.

7.2.3 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 19 January 2022

Recommendations to follow (if any)