

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: Cabinet

Date and Time: Thursday 3 February 2022 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

Enquiries to: Committee Services

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Members: Bailey, Clarke, Cockarill, Kinnell, Neighbour

(Leader), Oliver, Quarterman and Radley

Joint Chief Executive

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AGENDA

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1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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The minutes of the meeting of 6 January 2022 are attached to be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence from Members*.

*Note: Members are asked to email Committee services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disposable pecuniary, and any other interests*.

*Note: Members are asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they may have an interest to declare.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Omicron Business grant scheme for information and to be noted.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

Anyone wishing to make a statement to the Committee should contact Committee Services at least two clear working days prior to the meeting. Further information can be found at:

Public Participation leaflet 2021.pdf (hart.gov.uk)

6 MINUTES FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

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Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2022 to be noted.

7 MINUTES FROM THE CIVIC QUARTER REGENERATION WORKING GROUP

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Minutes of the meetings held on 10 January and 25 January 2022 to be noted.

8 REPORT OF SCRUTINY PANEL ON THE OPERATION OF HART HOUSING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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This is a report from the Housing Company Scrutiny Panel and provides an update of the performance of the company to update Cabinet and enable the financial projections to be included within the budget for 2022/2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The positive performance of the Housing Company against the initial business plan is noted (see 4.2).
- 2. The updated financial projections of the Housing company are agreed for inclusion within the budget for Hart District Council 2022/2023.

- 3. That Cabinet consider whether it wishes to consider changing the Articles of Association or bear the small risks associated with these items (see 4.4).
- 4. That Cabinet consider reverting to the original plan for the Scrutiny Panel to be convened twice per year (see 4.9).

9 FUTURE OF CAB YATELEY BUILDING

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To update Cabinet on the intended change in delivery strategy of services by Hart Citizens Advice and the opportunities this presents to work with other Public Sector organisations, in delivering vital services to our community.

Hart building in Royal Oak Close, Yateley (The Building), currently occupied by Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) and ask approval to progress the following:

- 1. CAB move from The Building into the APEX, Ground Floor, Civic Building.
- 2. Agree in principle for Oakley Health Group (OHG) to move into The Building, dependant on agreement of lease terms.
- 3. Delegation to complete lease agreements with CAB and OHG.

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet agrees:

- The cessation of the existing Tenancy at Will arrangements with Hart Citizens Advice for the building at Royal Oak Close in Yateley.
- 2. A new lease with Hart Citizens Advice that would enable the service to move from Yateley to the Apex Centre within the Civic Offices, and consolidates the lease agreements into one single agreement, based on the Heads of Terms as set out in appendix 1.
- 3. Subject to agreement to points 1 and 2, that Cabinet agree in principle the occupation of Oakley Health Group into The Building at Royal Oak Close, Yateley, based on the Heads of Terms as set out in appendix 2.
- 4. That Cabinet delegate the Joint Chief Executives in consultation with the Deputy Leader, authorisation to complete the lease agreements based on the Heads of Terms as set out in appendix 1 and 2, with both Hart Citizen Advice and Oakley Health Group (or other NHS body, so appointed to deliver, see paragraph 4.11).

5. That Cabinet recommends to Council, that subject to the conclusion of the lease arrangements with Hart Citizens Advice, as set out in appendix 1, that their core grant is increased to £220K.

10 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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To present the draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2022/23 which incorporates the Annual Investment Strategy and Prudential and Treasury Indicators for approval.

RECOMMENDATION to Council

That Cabinet recommend approval to Council of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Capital Strategy.

11 DRAFT BUDGET 2022/2023 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

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This report provides a summary of the revenue and capital budget proposals for 2021/2022 to be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council. The report also includes the statutory statement of the Head of Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer) to Council on the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves. This proposed budget includes funding provided in the provisional finance settlement for 2022/2023 which was published on December 16th, 2021. The final settlement is expected imminently.

The anticipated multi-year Spending Review was once again replaced by a short-term Spending Round. This limits any meaningful financial planning to one year. Whilst best estimates have been made for future years, this report therefore cannot give any realistic projection beyond 2022/2023. The Medium-Term Financial Strategy is provided in Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATION to Council

- 1. That the level of Council Tax for 2022/23 be increased by £5 and set at £186.84 for a band D property.
- 2. That the summary revenue budget for 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 13 of this report be approved.
- 3. That the capital programme for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.
- 4. That no changes be made to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23 but that consultation on a new scheme takes place in Quarter 3 2022/23 for implementation in 2023/24.

12 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

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To consider and amend the Cabinet Work Programme.

13 EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

The following item contains exempt information.

RECOMMENDATION

Members must decide whether the public interest in maintaining an exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

It is suggested that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

14 REORGANISATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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The purpose of this report is to set out proposals for the reorganisation of Corporate Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet approve the principles of the reorganisation and new structure as set out in appendix two to enable the Head of Corporate Services to consult with staff on the proposed new structure.

This report and its appendices is exempt from publication.

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