



## **THE EXECUTIVE**

**Meeting: Thursday, 6 October 2022 at 6.00 pm in The Board Room, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton**

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chair)

Councillors A Barrow, D Greenhalgh and F Sloman

Councillor T Ashton was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Collins, D Lomax and J Todd

### **23/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations made.

### **23/21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2022 be approved as a correct record.

### **23/22 REVISED LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME** (Agenda Item 4)

The purpose of the report was to request permission to undertake a consultation with both the public and the Major Precepting Authorities in respect of proposed changes to the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 26 September 2022.

Options considered:

The alternative the introduction of a new scheme for Council Tax Reduction from 2023/24 is to leave the existing scheme in place. This would be a short-term option; lead to the continuation of increasing costs of administration; and in the longer term, significantly affect the collection of Council Tax and the effectiveness of the scheme to support households within the Council's area. If the existing scheme remained, the proposal would be to remove the calculation letter that accompanies the bill currently and set a monetary limit on the changes to Universal Credit reported by the DWP, so that there were fewer changes to Local Council Tax Reduction. In addition, we would allow using the amount of Income advised by DWP without any adjustment, in order to aid automation and increase the allowable time for backdating where good cause is shown to 6 months.

RESOLVED:

That consultation be approved with the public and Major Precepting Authorities on the introduction of a new income banded / grid scheme for working age applicants with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, to reduce the significant administrative burden placed on the Council by the introduction of Universal Credit and to target the overall level of support for the lowest income families.

**23/23 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2022/23**  
(Agenda Item 5)

The purpose of the report was to inform members of the Council's overall performance and financial position for the period ended 30th June ("First Quarter 2022/23") The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 26 September 2022.

Options considered:

Detailed analysis was contained within the appendices to the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the First Quarter 2022/23 financial, procurement and performance position detailed in Appendices A, B and C and summarised at 3.3 of the covering report be noted.
2. That the write-offs set out in Appendix D of the report be approved.

**23/24 EAST MIDLANDS DEVOLUTION DEAL**  
(Agenda Item 6)

The purpose of the report is to provide a summary of the East Midlands Devolution Deal offer that was announced on 30th August 2022. The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 26 September 2022. It was reported that there was opportunity for the Council to bid for capital funding with regards to the Housing Infrastructure Fund.

Options considered:

There were no detailed options to consider.

RESOLVED:

That the summary of the East Midlands Devolution Deal as set out in the report be noted.

**23/25 RESPONSE TO THE ENERGY CRISIS**  
(Agenda Item 7)

An initial briefing document had been sent to all councillors with regards the Council's response to the cost of living. The Council was awaiting

information from Government with regards to the third tranche of the Household Support Fund.

**23/26**      **JOINT PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2022-25**  
(Agenda Item 8)

The purpose of the report was to present the Council's Joint Procurement Strategy 2022-2025 for approval. The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 26 September 2022.

Options considered:

There were two options available to the Council:

1. To not implement a new Joint Procurement Strategy to contribute to the delivery of the Council's Corporate Priorities (not recommended).
2. To adopt the new Joint Procurement Strategy as presented in the report (Recommended).

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted and that the Joint Procurement Strategy be approved and adopted.

**23/27**      **REFRESHED SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY**  
(Agenda Item 9)

The purpose of the report is to inform the Executive as to the work completed to develop the Move More High Peak Strategy in replacement of the current Physical Activity and Sport Strategy and consider whether a grants programme should be developed to support its delivery. The report was considered by the Community Select Committee on 5 October 2022.

Options considered:

In effect, there were two options:

1. The report set out clearly the reasons why the existing strategy was in need of updating and therefore approval of the proposed Move More High Peak Strategy should be recommended.
2. To do nothing and not recommend the proposed Move More High Peak Strategy was approved.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Move More High Peak Strategy be approved.
2. That the principle and proposed budget to support the delivery of the strategy be approved.

**23/28**      **TO RESOLVE THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BECAUSE THERE MAY BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.**  
(Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as there may be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**23/29**      **TO APPROVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
(Agenda Item 11)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**23/30**      **APPLICATION FOR WRITE OFF OF NON- RECOVERABLE DEBTS**  
(Agenda Item 12)

The Executive approved a report that sought approval to write off balances which were deemed non recoverable.

**23/31**      **NEW STAFF PAY GRADE STRUCTURE**  
(Agenda Item 13)

The Executive approved a report that set out the background to the implementation and operation of a revised joint pay grading structure for employees.

**23/32**      **PROPOSALS FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE DFG PROGRAMME**  
(Agenda Item 14)

The Executive approved a report that set out proposals for delivery of the Council's Disabled Facilities Grant programme from April 2023 and set out the options considered for the delivery of the programme.

**23/33**      **LEISURE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND OPERATING MODEL PROPOSALS**  
(Agenda Item 15)

The Executive approved a report that outlined the progress made in developing a transformational plan for the Council's Leisure Centres, including capital investment proposals and review of the future operating model for these facilities.

The meeting concluded at 6.52 pm

**CHAIRMAN**