

North East Derbyshire District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 28 January 2021

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Item 4	NEDDC Visitor Economy Strategy 2021-2024	<p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>(1) That Cabinet approved the North East Derbyshire Visitor Economy Strategy 2021-2024.</p> <p>(2) That the Director of Growth and Economic Development be authorised to make non-substantive amendments to the Strategy documents, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth.</p> <p>(3) That Cabinet agreed that the Director of Corporate Resources allocate £20,000 from the ‘Invest to Save’ fund as an operating budget for the financial year 2021/22.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - The Visitor Economy is a key priority for the Council. Adopting the Strategy will enable the Council to guide future resource allocation and its work in this important area.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of not adopting a Visitor Economy Strategy for the District was considered but rejected. It would have meant that those businesses engaged in the Visitor Economy would not get the support required to help them to cope with the difficulties caused by the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, protect existing jobs and to then grow and create future employment opportunities.</p> <p>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers</p>

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Item 5	NEDDC Employment and Skills Strategy 2021 - 2024	<p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>(1) That Cabinet approved the Employment and Skills Strategy 2021 – 2024, along with the ‘Action Plan’ to take forward the Council’s work relating to employment and skills in the District.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet agreed to receive a report on NEDDC Digital Skills, including but not limited to, a NEDDC online Jobs fair platform or an equivalent initiative.</p> <p>(3) That the Director of Growth and Economic Development be authorised to make non-substantive amendments to the strategy documents, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - By Adopting the Strategy the Council would demonstrate its commitment to developing local support for employment and skills and in ensuring that businesses and residents could access the wide range of support which is available to them.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of not adopting a Strategy was considered but rejected, for the reasons specified in the report.</p> <p>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers</p>
Item 6	Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 -2024/25 - TO FOLLOW	<p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>That Council be recommended at its meeting on 1 February 2021:</p> <p>(1) That the view of the Chief Financial Officer, that the estimates included in the Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2024/25 are robust and that the level of</p>

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		<p>financial reserves whilst at minimum levels are adequate, be accepted.</p> <p>(2) That officers report back to Cabinet and the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the overall position in respect of the Council's budgets. These reports to include updates on achieving the savings and efficiencies necessary to secure a balanced budget over the life of the medium term financial plan.</p> <p>GENERAL FUND</p> <p>(3) A Council Tax increase of £3.70 will be levied in respect of a notional Band D property (1.95%).</p> <p>(4) The Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the General Fund, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved as the Current Budget 2020/21, as the Original Budget 2021/22, and as the financial projections in respect of 2022/23 to 2024/25.</p> <p>(5) That any under spend in respect of 2020/21 be transferred to the Resilience Reserves, to provide increased financial resilience for future years of the plan.</p> <p>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT</p> <p>(6) That Council sets its rent levels for 2021/22 in line with the Social Housing Rent Standard increasing rents by 1.5% from 1st April 2021.</p> <p>(7) That all other charges be implemented in line with the table shown at 1.38 in the report above with effect from 1 April 2021.</p> <p>(8) The Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the Housing Revenue Account as</p>

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		<p>set out in Appendix 3 to the report be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2020/21, as the Original Budget in respect of 2021/22, and the financial projection in respect of 2022/23 to 2024/25.</p> <p>(9) That the Management Fee for undertaking housing services at £9.692m and the Management Fee for undertaking capital works at £1.1m to Rykneld Homes in respect of 2021/22 be approved.</p> <p>(10) That Members endorse the section in the current Financial Protocol which enables the Council to pay temporary cash advances to Rykneld Homes in excess of the Management Fee in order to help meet the cash flow requirements of the company should unforeseen circumstances arise in any particular month.</p> <p>(11) That Members note the requirement to provide Rykneld Homes with a ‘letter of comfort’ to the company’s auditors and grant delegated authority to the Council’s Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Member for Finance to agree the contents of that letter.</p> <p>CAPITAL PROGRAMME</p> <p>(12) That the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the report be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2020/21, and as the Approved Programme for 2022/23 to 2024/25.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - To recommend budgets to Council in respect of the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and the Capital Programme.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The alternative options that were considered and rejected were specified in the report.</p>

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<p>Item 9</p>	<p>Property Purchases Using One for One Receipts</p>	<p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>(1) That Cabinet endorsed the acquisition of the specified properties, as set out in the report and recommended the decision to purchase them to the Director of Growth and Economic Development following consultation with the Council’s Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Communities and Communications, Portfolio for Finance and the Council’s Asset Management Group</p> <p>(2) That the Director of Growth and Economic Development be authorised to purchase any other suitable property which could be acquired before 31 March 2021, following consultation with the Council’s Head of Finance/Section 151 officer, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Communities and Communications, the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Council’s Asset Management Group</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - To increase the Council’s social housing stock and to avoid the return of Right to Buy ‘1-4-1’ receipts and the extra interest costs that would be incurred.</p> <p>To put in place a delegated Decision process to enable 1-4-1 receipts to be spent before the legislative deadlines.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of doing nothing was considered and rejected for the reasons specified in the report.</p>

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