

Notes of Key Decisions/Action Points

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: 8 January 2013

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Contact Portfolio Holder/ Officer</u>
<p>08 January 2013 CA/001/13 Item 1</p> <p>Minutes.</p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2012 were agreed by the members present and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>08 January 2013 CA/002/13 Item 2</p> <p>Apologies for Absence.</p>	<p>An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor J Laws.</p>	
<p>08 January 2013 CA/003/13 Item 3</p> <p>Declarations of Interest.</p>	<p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>08 January 2013 CA/004/13 Item 4</p> <p>Public Participation.</p>	<p>There was no public participation.</p>	
<p>08 January 2013 CA/005/13 Item 5</p> <p>Referrals to Cabinet</p>	<p>There were no referrals to Cabinet.</p>	
<p>08 January 2013 CA/006/13 Item 6</p> <p>Cabinet Forward Plan.</p>	<p>That the Cabinet Forward Plan be noted, subject to the following amendments:</p> <p><u>22 January 2013</u></p> <p>1. Implications of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 – deferred to the 30 April meeting.</p> <p><u>12 February 2013</u></p> <p>2. Housing Allocations Policy – brought forward to the 22 January meeting.</p>	<p>Corporate Management Team.</p>
<p>08 January 2013 CA/007/13 Item 7</p> <p>Authorisation of Virements.</p>	<p>That the virements from the Service Areas as listed below and detailed in the report be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partnerships and Citizen Insight 2. STCO Management 3. Performance, Policy and Projects. 	<p>Cllr N Tiley, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources; Sally Marshall, Corporate Director (Finance & Governance).</p>

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Budget Preparation, Council Tax Base and Fees and Charges.

1. That the Collection Fund deficit estimate of -£290,718.33 as at 31 March 2013 be approved.
2. That the calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2013/14 incorporating a collection rate of 99.3% be approved.
3. That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amount calculated by the Council as its tax base for the year 2013/14 shall be 53,252.2 and its constituent elements shall be:

Part of Area Parished and Non Parished	100% Tax base	99.3% Tax base
Hemel Hempstead	27,822.8	27,769.6
Aldbury	453.2	451.3
Berkhamsted	8,024.1	7,991.8
Bovingdon	2,023.0	2,014.9
Chipperfield	820.5	817.4
Flamstead	608.6	606.1
Flaunden	176.8	175.9
Great Gaddesden	423.0	421.4
Kings Langley	2,218.7	2,210.4
Little Gaddesden	628.1	625.3
Markyate	1,173.5	1,169.7
Nash Mills	953.1	950.0
Nettleden with Potten End	799.5	796.1
Northchurch	1,266.0	1,261.4
Tring Rural	607.1	604.6
Tring	4,744.7	4,727.3
Wigginton	661.6	659.0
Total	53,404.3	53,252.2

4. That it be noted that the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2013/14 from the Department for Communities and Local Government has been announced.
5. That Council be recommended to approve the following Council Tax local discounts and premiums:-
 - An unoccupied and unfurnished property discount of 100% of Council Tax for three months, then a full charge
 - An uninhabitable property discount of 100% of Council Tax for three months, then a full charge.
 - A long term empty property discount of 100% for three months followed by a full charge (100%) of normal Council Tax until they have

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	<p>been empty for two years, then charge a premium of an additional 50% (a total of 150%) of Council Tax on properties empty for more than two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full council tax charge of 100% for Second Homes. <p>6. That the adoption of the principles set out at Section 5 of the Fees and Charges Strategy for the 2013/14 budget preparation be confirmed, subject to paragraph 2.11 of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), and the RPIX rate of 3.1% as at October 2012 be adopted.</p>	
<p>08 January 2013 CA/009/13 Item 9</p> <p>Council Tax Support Scheme.</p>	<p>1. That Council be recommended to approve the proposed scheme for Council Tax Support as consulted upon with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the extension of the disability definition to include main phase Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) (b) a flat rate non-dependent deduction of £5 for all working age non dependents <p>2. That Council be recommended to note the Corporate Director (Finance and Governance) in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Finance will put in place arrangements for a discretionary policy in compliance with S13A(2)(a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</p> <p>3. That it be noted the proposed scheme will not meet the eligibility criteria for the Government's Transitional Grant as set out in paragraph 23 of the report.</p> <p>4. That option 3 (paragraph 30 of the report) be identified as the preferred method of distribution of Council Tax Support Grant to local precepting authorities and request that the Corporate Director (Finance and Governance) consults parish councils on this proposal prior to a formal recommendation within the Council's budget for 2013/14.</p>	<p>Cllr N Tiley, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources; Sally Marshall, Corporate Director of Finance and Governance.</p>

This Decision Sheet is published today, 10 January 2013. The Call-In deadline is 5.00 pm on 17 January 2013.