Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 14 February 2019

Part I

Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2019/20 (C3613) (Item 6.)

Resolved to recommend that Council adopt the Investment and Borrowing Strategy for 2019/20.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

• the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 to 2021/22 (C3614) (Item 7.)

Resolved to recommend that Council approve and adopt the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 to 2021/22.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Capital Strategy and Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22 (C3615) (Item 8.)

Resolved to recommend that Council approve the Capital Strategy and Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

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Revenue Budget 2019/20 (C3616) (Item 9.)

Resolved to recommend that Council approves:

- 1. The 2019/20 Council Tax requirement of £97.87million, requiring a Council Tax increase of 2.99%.
- 2. The Fees and Charges as set out in Appendix H and that the appropriate statutory notices be placed where required.
- 3. The Parish Expenses of £15,389 as set out in Appendix I.

Resolved to recommend that Council acknowledges and notes:

4. The responses received to each of the public facing savings proposals in the public consultation exercise undertaken on the 2019/20 budget.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

• the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Revenue Financial Performance Report - Q3 of 2018/19 (EX3563) (Item 10.)

Resolved that:

- 1. The report be noted, in particular the continued challenge of managing pressures in Adult Social Care, which are shared nationally, and the mitigation that is proposed in year to reduce the current end of year projection.
- 2. The release of £609k from the Adult Social Care Risk Reserve and £203k from the Children and Family Services Risk Reserve be approved to support the in-year overspend.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 21 February 2019, then it will be implemented.

Capital Financial Performance Report - Q3 of 2018/19 (EX3593) (Item 11.)

Resolved to note progress made against the Council's Capital Programme and forecast expenditure against the approved capital budget.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 21 February 2019, then it will be implemented.

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Final Schools Funding Formula 2019/20 (EX3681) (Item 12.)

Resolved that:

- 1. The final formula rates and allocations to schools be approved. These had been made according to the principles agreed by Schools' Forum in December 2018 and in relation to the total funding available from the Schools Block DSG allocation.
- 2. For schools that gain funding under the new formula, additional funding is capped at 2% per pupil (as per the National Funding Formula).
- 3. For schools that lose funding under the new formula, a minimum funding guarantee of an additional 0% per pupil increase is applied (maximum affordable).

This decision is not subject to call in as:

• a delay in implementing the decision could compromise the Council's position. therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (EX3677) (Item 13.)

Resolved that a revised Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (highlighted at Appendix D) be approved. This is to increase the amount of relief awarded from 35% to 50% for 2018/19 and from 15% to 25% in 2019/20, and to make the award automatic rather than upon application. This will reduce even further the burden of business rates to those most affected by the increase in charges.

The reason for the above is to ensure that the allocation of government funding is fully utilised for businesses who saw the largest increases in their bills as a result of the 2017 revaluation.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

• a delay in implementing the decision could compromise the Council's position. therefore it will be implemented immediately.

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