

Decisions taken by the Finance and Resources Committee on Thursday, 13 February 2020

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Part A – Items considered in public

A5	BUDGET PROPOSALS AND ASSOCIATED STRATEGIES	<p>RESOLVED that the business plans for the Council's corporate priorities and support functions, subject to amendment as a result of any budget decisions still to be taken by Council recommended by the relevant policy committees.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Council that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Housing Revenue Account budget as submitted be approved (appendix 2). 2. The General Fund revenue budgets as submitted be approved (appendix 3). 3. The capital submissions and priorities within them be approved (appendix 4). 4. The Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to arrange the financing of the capital programme as necessary (appendix 4). 5. An amount of £25,000 be provided for a General Contingency in 2020/21 (appendix 3). 6. The council tax requirement for 2020/21 including special expenses (but excluding local precepting requirements) be £5,704,431 (appendix 3). 7. An amount of £1,167,316 be withdrawn from the General Fund reserve in 2020/21 (appendix 3). 8. An amount of £30,000 be added to the General Fund earmarked reserves in 2020/21 (appendix 3). 9. The Capital Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 be approved (appendix 5) 10. The Minimum Revenue Provision policy as set out be approved (appendix 6). 11. The treasury management strategy statement 2020/21 to 2022/23 be approved (appendix 6).
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		<div>12. The investments strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 be approved (appendix 7).</div> <div>13. The General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2023/24 be approved (appendix 8).</div>														
A6	GRANT AID REQUESTS - CANALSIDE HERITAGE CENTRE	RESOLVED that a capital grant of £10,000 be awarded to funded from 2020/21 Capital Contingencies. Plus, a further £5,000 Revenue Grant in 2019/20 with a commitment to award a further £5,000 Revenue Grant in 2020/21 conditional on progress following the first tranche of funding.														
A7	GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS, THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2019/20	<div>RESOLVED that the applications be dealt with as follows:</div> <table><tr><td></td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>Age Concern Eastwood</td><td>9,000</td></tr><tr><td>Stapleford Community Association</td><td>3,000</td></tr><tr><td>Broxtwe Women’s Project</td><td>6,000</td></tr><tr><td>Beeston Shopmobility</td><td>8,500</td></tr><tr><td>Bramcote Cricket Club</td><td>1,000</td></tr><tr><td>Broxtowe Play Forum</td><td>5,500</td></tr></table>		£	Age Concern Eastwood	9,000	Stapleford Community Association	3,000	Broxtwe Women’s Project	6,000	Beeston Shopmobility	8,500	Bramcote Cricket Club	1,000	Broxtowe Play Forum	5,500
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A8	GRANT AID REQUESTS FROM PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS	RESOLVED that Brinsley Parish Council be awarded £1,000 towards the cost of a festive lighting display and £1,225 towards its VE Day celebrations.														
A9	COUNCIL TAX EMPTY PROPERTY LEVY	<div>RESOLVED that the increase in the Council Tax Empty Property Levy be as follows:</div> <div>1. Adopt an empty property levy at 100% for dwellings that have been vacant for more than two years from 1 April 2020.</div> <div>2. Adopt an empty property levy at 200% for dwellings that have been vacant</div>														

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		<p>for a period of five or more years from 1 April 2020.</p> <p>3. Adopt an empty property levy of 300% for dwellings that have been vacant for ten or more years from 1 April 2021.</p>
A10	BUSINESS PLANS 2020/21 - 2022/23	<p>RESOLVED that the attached Business Plans be approved.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Council that the following be approved:</p> <p>a) The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2020/21 (base) including any revenue development submissions.</p> <p>b) The capital programme for 2020/21 to 2022/23</p> <p>c) The fees and charges for 2020/21.</p>
A11	GDPR TELEPHONE MESSAGE	The Committee NOTED the report.
A12	CAR PARK CHARGES	RECOMMENDED to Council that option 3 as included in the appendix to the report be approved the decision be reviewed one year after its implementation.
A13	WORK PROGRAMME	RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.
A15	REVENUES AND BENEFITS SOFTWARE	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>1. The re-appointment of Civica (OpenRevenues) as the Council's software supplier of Revenues and Benefits via a direct award through the DAS Framework for a period of five years from 1 April 2020 at £56,948.50 per year be approved.</p> <p>2. The purchase of the Civica OpenPortal Self-Service module at a one off</p>

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		cost of £21,500 to be funded from 2020/21 capital contingencies be approved.
A16	IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS	RESOLVED that the arrears in excess of £1,200 on national non-domestic rates, council tax, rents, housing/council tax benefit overpayment and sundry debtors as set out in the report be written off and to note the exercise of the Deputy Chief Executive's delegated authority under financial regulation 5.9.