



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## **CABINET**

**21st February 2024 at 5.30pm**

**Present:** Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)  
Councillors Cracknell, Dawkins, Harness, Shepherd, Shreeve and S Swinburn.

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Helen Isaacs (Assistant Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director of Law and Governance)
- Ann-Marie Matson (Director of Children's Services)
- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director of Place and Resources)

### **Also present:**

- Michelle Lalor (Head of Communications and Customer)

There were two members of the public and no members of the press present.

### **CB.91 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

### **CB.92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

## **CB.93 COUNCIL PLAN REFRESH**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing presenting the council plan refresh prior to Full Council.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

1. That the content of the refreshed Council Plan outlined in Appendix A of the report now submitted be approved and adopted.
2. That the refreshed Council Plan be referred to all scrutiny panels for information.

## **CB.94 BUDGET, FINANCE AND BUSINESS PLAN 2024/26 2026/27**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Budget, Finance and Business Plan 2024/25 – 2026/27 for consideration prior to Full Council.

The Leader suggested two additional recommendations to full Council, the first for £250k to be made available to support the environmental street scene to provide extra capacity to respond to additional activity and footfall within those areas, and the second to undertake a review of options in service design and delivery across the resort events spectrum to improve tourism offer in the resort of Cleethorpes. These additional recommendations were agreed by Cabinet.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

1. That the 2024/25 Budget and summary 2024/25 – 2026/27 Medium Term Financial Plan ('MTFP') contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 4) of the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That a 2.98% increase in Council Tax in 2024/25 be approved.
3. That the application of a 2% Adult Social Care precept in 2024/25 be approved.
4. That a provision from 1st April 2024 that in the case of empty homes an additional 100% premium can be levied on properties that have been empty for 12 months or more, be approved.

5. That the business plans contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 1) of the report now submitted, be approved.
6. That an annual organisation wide uplift in fees and charges (where permissible by law) in line with the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) or any official index replacing it or to ensure full cost recovery, where appropriate, be approved.
7. That the Capital Investment Strategy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 3) of the report now submitted, be approved.
8. That the 2024/25 - 2026/27 Capital Programme set out in Appendix 1 (Annex 2) of the report now submitted, be approved.
9. That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 7) of the report now submitted, be approved.
10. That £250k be made available from transformational funds to Environmental Services/Street Scene, with particular focus on Grimsby Town Centre and Cleethorpes resort, allocated as follows:
  - £150k for a “hit squad” approach to street scene
  - £100k grounds maintenance
11. That there be a review of options in respect of service design, delivery and investment across the resort management, events management and visitor economy agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.43 p.m.