

## **EXECUTIVE**

### **11 FEBRUARY 2021**

#### **Present:**

Cllrs Connett (Leader), Dewhurst (Deputy Leader), J Hook, Keeling, Jeffries, MacGregor, Purser, Taylor and Wrigley

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Cllrs D Cox and Nutley

#### **Officers in Attendance:**

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer  
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer  
David Eaton, Environmental Protection Manager  
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services  
Rebecca Hewitt, Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager  
Karen Howe, Estates Surveyor  
Phil Shears, Managing Director  
Chris Braines, Waste & Cleansing Manager

*These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on 16 February 2021 unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute.*

#### **10. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2021 were approved as a correct record and will be signed at the earliest convenience.

#### **11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **12. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

#### **13. FINAL FINANCIAL PLAN PROPOSALS 2021/22 TO 2023/24**

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report to consider the final financial plan proposals 2021/22 to 2023/24 for recommendation to Council on 22 February. These proposals included recommended revenue and capital budgets for 2021/22 and planned in outline for 2022/23 and 2023/24. He advised of the budget gap for 2022/23 of £1.2 m and 23/24 of £2.6m and thanked all staff for their work in reaching a balanced budget.

The Chief Finance Officer advised that the final settlement for 2021/22 was the same as the provisional settlement which the Council had been notified of in December. He reported on the medium term financial position and the significant budget gaps for 2022/23 and 2023/24 amounting to £3.8m.

The Leader thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Town and Parish Councils for their contributions in the budget setting process. The Council had no choice but to increase council tax by £5 to ensure a balanced budget and to continue to provide services to the residents of Teignbridge.

**RECOMMENDED** that Council:-

- (1) Approve the final budget for 2021/22 and the outline plan for the subsequent years 2022/23 and 2023/24;
- (2) Note the mid-year review of Treasury Management shown at appendix 8.

The vote was unanimous.

#### **14. TEIGNMOUTH PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)**

The Executive for Homes and Communities presented the report to determine whether to make a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for prescribed parts of Teignmouth. The PSPO had been asked for by local police and was deemed necessary to prevent anti-social behaviour in certain areas of Teignmouth. The Town Council was in support of this proposal.

Members welcomed this PSPO that would help to prevent anti-social behaviour and agreed an amendment to recommendation (2) (b) to add *in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities*.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that:-

- (1) On being satisfied that the statutory grounds for making the Order have been established as detailed in the Report, the Public Protection Spaces Order be made; and
- (2) Delegated authority is given to the Head of Community Services and Improvement to:
  - (a) appoint authorised persons for the purpose of giving direction under the Order; and
  - (b) (in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and the Executive Member for Homes and Communities) make such minor amendments to the draft Order as they considers appropriate, before the Order is sealed.

The vote was unanimous.

## **15. NOTICE OF MOTION - EQUALITY OF REPRESENTATION**

The Executive Member for Economy and Jobs presented the report to agree the recommendations of the Audit Scrutiny Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committees in relation to the Equality of Representation Notice of Motion and recommend those are put forward to Full Council for approval. She thanked all those involved in bringing this recommendation forward which would support the Councils commitment for change in the district.

Members welcomed and supported this Notice of Motion to go forward to Full Council.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that:-

### **Motion No (1)**

- (1) Equalities training for members is arranged through Democratic Services and members are encouraged to attend by Group Leaders;
- (2) That the Committee report template is amended to include "Equalities Considerations" and whether a Business Impact Assessment is required; and
- (3) The Council's Equalities Policy, which expires in 2020, is reviewed and considered by O&S and Executive and included in 2021 Forward Plan

### **Motion Nos (2) and (4)**

The Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Education urging him to:

- (1) Review the primary school, GCSE and A Level national curriculum with a view to ensuring that the historical record of the British Empire is treated in a way which fully takes account of slavery, the actions and views of historical figures and other oppressive experiences of BAME people, many of whose descendants are now part of our community.
- (2) Show compassion and understanding by starting a national debate led by the BAME community, which seeks to define racism, the impacts of it in today's society - and demonstrate how we can all help people of colour feel fully included and welcomed in the UK (this could be part of the current government review)
- (3) Identify a Cabinet minister champion for the BAME community.

### **Motion No (3)**

- (4) Councillors to promote the pilot educational project being undertaken in partnership with Teignmouth Community School by raising awareness of the project through their formal and informal networks and encouraging other schools in the District to utilise the curriculum resources developed through the project and/or undertake similar projects in local schools.

### **Motion No (5)**

- (5) Following completion of the Equalities Impact assessment on the recovery plan, members of Audit Scrutiny Committee to review and determine if there are any

areas of weakness. Comments to then be sought from external registered groups representing the interests of that group.

**Motion No (6)**

(9) Recommend that the Council encourages local historic societies to identify street names of particular historic significance and develop signage to explain the history behind the street's name.

(10) Review the street naming and numbering procedure to reflect the recent LGA advice note relating to requests from the public to change the public realm.

**Motion No (7)**

(11) An additional 2 questions should be included in the Councillors Community Fund form:

*1. How does your organisation or project meet the needs of (tick all or any that apply)*

- *Older people (over 65yrs)*
- *Young people (under 18yrs)*
- *People with disabilities*
- *Members of the LGBT community*
- *Pregnant Women*
- *Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people*

*Please add any further comments here (Text box)*

*2. Do you have an Equalities Policy Yes / No  
If Yes please upload a copy*

The vote was unanimous.

**16. PROPOSED LONG LETTINGS AND A FREEHOLD TRANSFER OF PUBLIC WC'S TO TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report for the future proposals for the public WC's in Teignmouth and to obtain approval for their disposal to the Town Council. He advised of the proposed long lettings and freehold transfer of the public WC's.

The Leader acknowledged that this proposal was a good example of joint working with the District and Town and Parish Councils and he thanked Teignmouth Town Council for working with the council to ensure the retention of public WC's in Teignmouth.

**RESOLVED** that the course of action set out in the proposal of this report be approved.

The vote was unanimous.

## 17. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (CONTROL OF DOGS) REVIEW GROUP REPORT

The Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health updated Executive on the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for responsible dog ownership came into force on the 1 April 2019 and the work of the Review Group.

The Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health supported the controls of the PSPO and to help support officers to focus on robust action. He proposed an amendment to recommendation (2) as follows:-

*A-boards, or similar for dog fouling hot spot areas being financed through Town and Parish Councils and District Councillors Community Fund scheme where required. Town and Parish Councils can advise so that A-boards can be located when and where necessary. Other preventative methods of display such as pavement stencilling and lamppost signs also to be explored.*

*As part of this initiative, the Environment Protection Manager, and Cllrs D Cox and Phipps have discussions with Teignmouth Town Council to support them in a publicity campaign.*

The Chair of the PSPO (Control of Dogs) Review Group presented the recommendation of the review group. He outlined the work that the group had undertaken and that he was in support of the revised recommendation (2).

Members acknowledged that the recommendation would cover all parts of the PSPO including when dogs were off the lead.

**RESOLVED** that the following be approved to promote the existing Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) (Control of Dogs) within the District:

- (1) The Environmental Protection Manager request Town and Parish Councils to publicise the PSPO in their residents' newsletters, and circulate a guidance publicity tool kit to assist with this; and
- (2) A-boards, or similar for dog fouling hot spot areas being financed through Town and Parish Councils and District Councillors Community Fund scheme where required. Town and Parish Councils can advise so that A-boards can be located when and where necessary. Other preventative methods of display such as pavement stencilling and lamppost signs also to be explored. As part of this initiative, the Environment Protection Manager, and Cllrs D Cox and Phipps have discussions with Teignmouth Town Council to support them in a publicity campaign and for them to arrange for appropriate signage for the Den in order to address concerns raised in relation this area.

The vote was unanimous.

**18. DEVON JOINT WASTE STRATEGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health presented the Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay which would go out for public consultation.

**RESOLVED** that the content of the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay be approved for public consultation.

The vote was unanimous.

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION - RETENTION OF THE £20 UNIVERSAL CREDIT UPLIFT**

Cllr D Cox presented his Notice of Motion submitted to [Full Council 14 January 2021](#) to urge the Government to make the £20 uplift to Universal Credit permanent and extend this same support to those on legacy benefits.

He commented that by doing this, it would help keep families afloat and strengthen the social security system so it provided the public service that residents could all turn to when they hit hard times. In retaining the £20 Universal Credit uplift it would support the wider economic recovery and cutting support for those on the lowest incomes would reduce demand in the economy at a time when the county was trying to secure a recovery.

Members supported the Notice of Motion.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council the Leader of the Council is instructed to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Members of Parliament serving Teignbridge to call for the retention of the £20 Universal credit uplift.

The vote was unanimous.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.55 am.

Chair