

## **EXECUTIVE**

### **4 JANUARY 2024**

#### **Present:**

Councillors Keeling (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Nutley, Nuttall, G Taylor, Hook and Palethorpe

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

Councillors Clarence, D Cox, Daws, MacGregor, P Parker, Parrott and Sanders

#### **Apologies:**

Councillors H Cox, Goodman-Bradbury and Wrigley

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

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services

Rebecca Hewitt, Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager

Tracey Hooper, Service Lead for Revenue, Benefits and Customer Support

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Tom Phillips, Assets Manager

Amanda Pujol, Head of Community Services and Improvement

Nikki Rawley, Council Tax Lead Officer - Revenue & Benefits

Louise Raymond, Communications Manager

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Phil Shears, Managing Director

James Teed, Leisure Manager

Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council

These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on 11 January 2024 unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute

#### **1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Chair.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **3. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

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

#### **4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Public question and response attached to the agenda.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATION FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (1)**

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1) presented the recommendation.

A Non-Executive Member spoke on this item.

The Deputy Leader advised that it would be for Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1) to consider if they should wish to set up a task and finish group to review voluntary sector funding for future years.

**RESOVLED** that:-

- a) The current direct funding to the groups listed at paragraph 2.2 of the agenda report continue to the same level for 2024/25 subject to budget provision being available, and (b) below; and
- b) The funding to Community Connections and Exeter Community Energy as set out at paragraph 2.2 of the report be referred to the Executive for consideration.

The vote was unanimous.

Link to report [VCS FundingREP OS1 12DEC23.pdf \(teignbridge.gov.uk\)](#)

#### **6. INITIAL FINANCIAL PLAN BUDGET PROPOSALS 2024/25 TO 2026/27**

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report to consider the initial financial plan proposals 2024/25 to 2026/27 which would be published for comments over the next six weeks. He advised that the proposals included a council tax rise of £5.70 which equated to 2.99%.

A non-Executive Member spoke on the item.

Members thanked Officers for all their work in putting together the budget papers.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that it approves the council tax base of 50,939 for 2024/25 at appendix 2 of the circulated report.

The vote was unanimous.

#### **7. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report to update to members on the operation of the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) Scheme during 2023-24 and to seek approval for the scheme to be recommended for adoption by Council for the year 2024-25.

The report proposed no change to the scheme itself but recommended using existing provisions within the scheme to uplift the income thresholds to reflect the Government's annual uprating of primary benefits.

A non-Executive Member spoke on the item.

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that the Tax Reduction Scheme (attached as Appendix A) be adopted for the year 2024-25 with the income bands uprated in line with the annual uprating in primary welfare benefits.

The vote was unanimous.

## **8. PROVISION OF RNLI LIFEGUARD SERVICE**

The Executive Member for Sport, Recreation and Resorts presented the report which sought approval for the renewal of the RNLI lifeguard provision based on a five year contract for Teignmouth and Dawlish Warren beaches.

A non-Executive Member spoke on this item.

**RESOLVED** that the following be approved:-

- (1) the continuation of the RNLI lifeguard service based on a 5 year contract;  
and
- (2) the cost of the RNLI lifeguard service for 5 years based on an annual increase of 2.5% and RPI. In 2023 the cost of the service was £50,046.

The vote was unanimous.

## **9. SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE**

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report which sought approval for the peninsula governance arrangements and Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy.

A non-Executive Member spoke on the item.

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed governance arrangements to enable delivery against the Serious Violence Duty and approve the Devon Preventing Serious Violence Strategy.

The vote was unanimous.

**10. UPDATE ON FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND**

The Assets Manager advised that a report on the Future High Street Fund would be considered by Full Council on 16 January 2024.

Non-Executive Members spoke on the item.

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION - RETENTION OF COMMITTEE WEBCASTING**

Cllr Daws presented his Notice of Motion on the webcasting of Council Committee meetings.

**RESOLVED** that this matter be referred to Audit Scrutiny Committee for consideration with any recommendations to be brought back to Executive.

The vote was unanimous.

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION - BROADMEADOW LEISURE CENTRE**

On behalf of Cllr J Taylor Cllr Macgregor presented the Notice of Motion on the changing facilities at Broadmeadow Leisure Centre.

Non-Executive Members spoke on this item.

**RESOLVED** to allow the consultation to be completed and to consider proposals arising as a result of the consultation and any proposed plans at a future meeting.

The vote was unanimous.

**13. FOR INFORMATION - INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS**

Noted.

**14. FOR INFORMATION - FINANCIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND CONTRACT RULES WAIVERS**

Noted.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.42 am.

Chair