

EXECUTIVE

4 JANUARY 2022

Present:

Councillors Connett (Leader), Dewhirst (Deputy Leader), J Hook, Keeling, Nutley, Purser, Taylor and Wrigley

Members in Attendance:

Councillors Bullivant

Apologies:

Councillors Jeffries

Officers in Attendance:

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services
Stephen Forsey, Assets and Commercialisation Manager
Phil Shears, Managing Director

These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on 12 January 2022 unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(Executive Member for Leisure and Green Spaces did not vote as he had not attended the meeting)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

4. INITIAL FINANCIAL PLAN PROPOSALS 2022/23 TO 2024/25

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report to consider the initial financial plan proposals 2022/23 to 2024/25. He advised that

the proposals included a council tax rise of £5, which equated to 2.78% which was below the Devon average.

The Leader thanked officers for all their work during these difficult times and bringing a balanced budget for members to consider.

RECOMMENDED to Council that it approves the council tax base of 49,633 for 2022/23 at appendix 2 of the circulated report.

The vote was unanimous.

5. **BEACHCOMBER - GRANTING OF LEASE**

The Executive Member for Corporate Services presented the report which sought approval for the Head of Place and Commercial Services to grant a lease of the former Beachcomber Restaurant for a term of up to 25 years.

RESOLVED delegated authority be given to the Head of Place and Commercial Services to grant a new lease of up to 25 years on such terms as he in consultation with the Executive Member for Corporate Services considered appropriate.

The vote was unanimous.

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION - MOVING WITH THE TIMES - 21ST CENTURY COUNCILS**

The Leader in presenting the Notice of Motion on the enabling of virtual council meetings stated that council would like to have the flexibility to hold virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings to suit the local context and needs of residents and councillors.

In response to a Member, the Leader stated that reference would be made to medical safety when writing to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Members of Parliament.

RECOMMENDED that Full Council:-

- (1) Write to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) urging a permanent amendment to the meeting rules set out in the Local Government Act 1972 be enabling local authorities to hold virtual, hybrid or physical meetings;
- (2) Write to the Members of Parliament serving Teignbridge to ask for support for this flexible approach to council meetings; and
- (3) Continue to explore the use of technology to develop online meetings to attract a wider audience once our request has been successful.

The vote was unanimous.

7. PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT - ASHBURTON ROAD NEWTON ABBOT

The Executive Member for Leisure and Green Spaces presented the report which sought approval for the capital expenditure of Section 106 funding to refurbish play provision at Ashburton Road, Newton Abbot.

A non-Executive Member commented that he hoped that local resident's requests regarding the refurbishment were considered.

The Executive Member for Climate Change, Coastal Protection and Flooding stated that the equipment would reflect the feedback from the Council's annual parks and open spaces survey which was collected from users.

Members noted that consideration would be given to some additional planting on the roadside boundary although for safety reasons it allow for good visibility of those using the park.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) Capital expenditure of £150k to be funded from Section 106 Contributions be approved, for refurbishment works as outlined in this report for the Play area at Ashburton Road, Newton Abbot; and
- (2) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Operational Services, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Executive Member for Leisure and Green Spaces be granted to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the works.

The vote was unanimous.

The meeting started at 4.15 pm and finished at 4.46 pm.

Chair