

Meeting of the Cabinet – 25th February, 2015

Notice of Decisions

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 25th February, 2015, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Decision</u> |
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| Revenue Budget Strategy 2015/16 and Setting the Council Tax | <p>That the Council be recommended to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The budget for 2015/16, and service allocations (including the Public Health budget) as set out in the report.• That the statutory amounts required to be calculated for the Council's spending, contingencies and contributions to reserves; income and use of reserves; transfers to and from its collection fund; and council tax requirement, as referred to in Section 67(2)(b) be now calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 as shown in Appendix 10 of the report.• That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts in Appendix 10, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, to agree the following levels of Council Tax for Dudley Council services for 2015/16. |

Valuation Bands

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 857.89 | 1000.88 | 1143.85 | 1286.84 | 1572.80 | 1858.77 | 2144.73 | 2573.68 |

- The revision of 2014/15 budgets to reflect the variances set out in paragraphs 9 and 11 of the report.
- The Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in the report.

That the Council be recommended to determine that a referendum relating to Council Tax increases is not required in accordance with Chapter 4ZA of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

That the Cabinet Members, Chief Executive and Directors be authorised to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals contained in this report, in accordance with the Council's Financial Management Regime.

That the Chief Executive and Directors be reminded to exercise strict budgetary control in accordance with the Financial Management Regime and care and caution in managing the 2015/16 budget, particularly in the context of commitments into later years and the impact that any overspending in 2015/16 will have on the availability of resources to meet future budgetary demands.

That the Chief Officer (Finance and Legal Services) be authorised to approve the realignment of budgets in due course to reflect the new Directorate structure, including the allocation of the £1m savings from the review of senior management.

That consultation on proposals to remove local authority transport provision for children attending specialist nurseries be extended and that further work be undertaken with parents to identify ways to deliver the planned saving while mitigating the impact on children and their families.

That the creation of Budget Challenge Teams be approved as set out in paragraph 55 of the report.

That the Council be recommended to approve the Pay Policy Statement 2015 as set out in Appendix 12 of the report.

The details of the above items are set out in the reports submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet. Copies of the public reports may be obtained from Democratic Services (contact 01384 815235 or e-mail steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website www.dudley.gov.uk.

The above decisions and recommendations will be considered by the Council on 2nd March, 2015.

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