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Decision Taker: Cabinet **Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**
Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:
24/Jan/2014

Date of decision:
15/Jan/2014

Full description of decision:

To: - i) approve the Events Programme for 2014/15 to be delivered by Sunderland Live. ii) approve the payment of the funding contribution to Sunderland Live of £1,066,344 for delivery of this events programme in accordance with the terms of the funding agreement between the Council and Sunderland Live.

Reasons for decision:

The proposed 2014/15 Events Programme includes events of significant scale and quality that can be marketed outside Sunderland through the See it Do it destination campaign, to attract visitors to the city and support Sunderland's economy. Early approval of the 2014/15 Events Programme will ensure that the full range of events can be planned well ahead to ensure their effective delivery by Sunderland Live. The Events Programme will then form the core part of the annual business plan for Sunderland Live for 2014/15.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Options for alternative events were considered when drafting the proposed Events Programme. The proposed Events Programme represents the culmination of this process and the Council's events priorities for 2014/15.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland City Council Events Programme 2014/15 - Report of the Director of Corporate Affairs

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:
None

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To recommend to Council: The report for the calculation of the Tax Bases for the City Council and Hetton Town Council for 2014/2015 be approved. That pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as amended by Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2012 the amount calculated by Sunderland City Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2014/2015, shall be 64,559 and for the area of Hetton Town Council shall be 3,230.

Reasons for decision:

To comply with statutory requirements.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Council Tax Base 2014/2015 - Report of the Head of Financial Resources

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To recommend Council to approve NNDR1 form for submission to government, & which sets out - forecast outturn for business rates income for 2013-14 - total estimated business rates income before transitional arrangements for 2014-15 in accordance with regulations, & which will form basis of necessary apportionment of estimated total business rate income for 2014-15 in the following proportions: - 50% to Government - 1% to Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Authority - 49% to Council In the event of a delay in receiving the NNDR 1 form for completion from government, resulting in form to be completed or amended after the date of Cabinet meeting, to delegate authority to Head of Financial Resources, in consultation with Leader of Council & Cabinet Secretary, to approve version of NNDR1 form to be submitted to Council for approval.

Reasons for decision:

To comply with Government expectation that requires Council to approve the NNDR1 return on an annual basis. The final estimated Business Rates Income Return figures for 2014/2015 have also to be formally notified by 31st January 2014 to both the Government who receives 50% of the total figure and also to the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority who receives 1% of the total. The Council will retain the remaining 49%.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Business Rates Income Forecast 2014/2015 and Projected Business Rates Income Outturn 2013/2014 - Report of the Head of Financial Resources

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To approve the provisional budget proposals, as a basis for the continuation of budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the final Local Government Finance Settlement 2014/2015.

Reasons for decision:

To enable constitutional requirements relating to the development of the Revenue Budget to be met.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Revenue Budget 2014/2015 Proposals and Provisional Revenue Support Settlement 2014/2015 - Joint report of the Chief Executive and the Head of Financial Resources

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To approve the contingency transfers proposed at Appendix A and budget transfers set out in the report.

Reasons for decision:

To respond to variations in expenditure and income which have arisen in 2013/2014 and enable effective budgetary control to be exercised.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Revenue Budget Third Review 2013/2014 - Report of the Head of Financial Resources

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(i) In relation to the Capital Programme for 2013/2014, to approve, and where necessary recommend to Council, the inclusion of additional schemes or variations to existing schemes for 2013/2014 detailed at Appendix A, as a variation to the Capital Programme;

(ii) In relation to the Capital Programme for 2014/2015, to note

- that the allocation of resources as set out in Section 5 will be subject to final resource announcements;
- that Cabinet Members will consider proposals for new starts based on resource allocations to be confirmed in due course in order to incorporate proposed new starts in the Capital Programme to be presented to Cabinet in February 2014.

(iii) In relation to the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators, to note the positive progress made in implementing the strategy for 2013/2014.

Reasons for decision:

To respond to proposed variations in expenditure and funding which have arisen since the Second Capital Review 2013/2014 was approved to enable effective budgetary control to be exercised. To note the resources available to enable capital programme priorities for 2014/2015 to be considered by Cabinet in February. To note the progress in implementing the Treasury Management Strategy for 2013/2014, this is in line with the approved Treasury Management Policies.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Capital Programme - Third Capital Review 2013/2014, Provisional Resources 2014/2015 and Treasury Management Review 2013/2014 - Report of the Head of Financial Resources

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