

Report of the Cabinet

The CABINET reports and recommends as follows:-

1. Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 – 2025/2026

That at its meeting held on 12 October, Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services which detailed:

- Identified the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term and sets out the budget planning framework for the Council for 2022/2023;
- Set out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2022/2023 to 2025/2026;
- Set out the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2022/2023; and
- Sought a recommendation to Council for the approval of the updated Council Capital Strategy.

In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Council Approval is required for changes to the Council Capital Strategy and an extract from the report on the Capital Strategy Update – 2021/2022 is attached.

The report was also considered by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 14 October 2020. The comments of the Committee will be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 15 November 2021.

The comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee and the Cabinet's recommendations to Council will be set out in a supplementary report.

2. Annual Health and Safety Report: April 2020 – March 2021

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services (copy attached) on the Annual Health and Safety Report: April 2020 – March 2021. The report gives an overview of the management of health and safety at work within the Council.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends to Council to note the content of the Annual Health and Safety Report: April 2020 to March 2021.

3. Update to Constitution – Article 2, Article 15 and Council Procedure Rules

That they will be giving consideration to a report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance (copy attached) to seek agreement to recommend to Council proposed changes to the Constitution with respect to:-

- a) clarifying the position of Members appointed to Committees and Sub-Committees between re-election and the date of the Annual Council meeting;
- b) authorising certain additional Officers to attest to the application of the Authority's Seal on deeds, agreements and other documents;
- c) limiting the number of questions on notice at Council meetings to three from each political group per meeting (excluding urgent questions); and
- d) accepting the service of notices of motion electronically.

Accordingly, Cabinet is requested to recommend Council to:

- 1. approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution as set out in the report and at Appendix 1, 2 and 3; and
- 2. authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly, including the making of any consequential amendments, stylistic or typographical changes, to ensure consistency throughout the Constitution.

The Cabinet's recommendations to Council will be set out in a supplementary report.

4. Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Licensing Principles

That they will be giving consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods (copy attached) on a revision to appendix three under the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, ("the Act") following the consultation exercise.

At its Meeting held on 6 September, 2021 the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, having considered a report concerning the outcome of the consultation exercise on the Council's draft Statement of Principles under the Act, resolved as follows:

That the contents of the report be noted and approval be given to the submission of the draft Statement of Principles to Council for approval under the relevant provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 at its Meeting on 17 November, 2021.

On 12 October 2021, the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee considered a Report concerning the outcome of the consultation exercise on the Council's draft Statement of Principles and resolved that the outcome be noted and agreed.

Accordingly the Cabinet is requested to recommend to Council to approve the Statement of Principles in accordance with the Act which is set out at Appendix 3.

The Cabinet's recommendations to Council will be set out in a supplementary report.