

**Decisions taken at the Cabinet
Meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2020**

Title	Decision Taken
Apologies	Cllr Nash submitted her apologies.
Declaration of Interest	None were received
Questions and Deputations	<p>Mr Cogley a resident of the Borough gave notice of his wish to address Cabinet regarding his feelings and experiences of living in the Borough.</p> <p>The Leader thanked Mr Cogley for his deputation. The Leader advised that he would ask Officers to consider what had been said and provide any response that may be necessary.</p>
Minutes	RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020 be received for information only.
Business Rates – Retail Relief Scheme 2020-21 & Pubs Discount Scheme 2020-21	RESOLVED: (i) That the Council's Retail Relief Scheme for 2020-21 attached at Appendix A to the report be approved; and (ii) That the Council's Pub Discount Scheme for 2020-21 attached at Appendix B to the report be approved.
Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Recovery Plan	RESOLVED: (i) That the progress made in taking forward the work streams that support both the broader improvements to SEND processes and provision and the development of the Recovery Plan be endorsed; (ii) That the principle that the in-year High Needs Block deficit is brought into balance by year three of the Recovery Plan but that the accumulated deficit is recovered over a longer period, due to the reasons set out in section 3.6 of the report be approved: (iii) That the DSG Recovery Plan in its current iteration, as set out in Appendix A be approved; and (iv) That it be agreed that Cabinet will consider the final DSG Recovery Plan at its meeting in June 2020, prior to formal submission to the Department for Education.
Medium Term Financial Strategy update (incorporating the Period 9 position) as at 31st	RESOLVED: (i) That the current financial position outlined in Appendix A to the report be noted; (ii) That the contribution of net favourable variances on the Adult Social

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December 2019	<p>Care and Health portfolio to adult social care reserves to support the position for future years, as outlined at paragraph 3.6. of the report be approved; and</p> <p>(iii) That the budget adjustments between period 6 and period 9 of 2019/20 as summarised in Appendix B of the report be approved.</p>
Housing Revenue Account Estimates and Rent Increases 2020/21	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That an average rent increase (excluding service charges) of 2.7% (£2.23 per week on a 50-week basis) to £84.56 from 1 April 2020 for HRA stock be approved;</p> <p>(ii) That an average rent increase of 2.7% (£2.90 per week on a 50-week basis) to £110.39 from 1 April 2020 for SMBC Affordable Homes be approved;</p> <p>(iii) That an average rent increase of 2.7% for Saxon Court (£2.55 per week on a 50-week basis) to £101.44 from 1 April 2020 be approved;</p> <p>(iv) That a rent increase of RPI (as at February 2020) + 0.5%, as per lease agreements, from 1 April 2020 for HRA shared ownership properties be approved;</p> <p>(v) That different rent increases for SCH Part Ownership properties and SCH owned Affordable Homes be noted;</p> <p>(vi) That the £0.14 per week increase in garage rents from 1 April 2020 be approved;</p> <p>(vii) That the increase in Leaseholder Management Fees from £155 to £157 be approved;</p> <p>(viii) That the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2020/21 including the SCH Management Fee as set out in the HRA Business Plan Financial Forecast at Appendix A be approved;</p> <p>(ix) That the SCH Management Agreement for 2020/21 – 2024/25 be approved;</p> <p>(x) That the three year budget savings set out in Appendix C be approved;</p> <p>(xi) That the use of the Future Capital Investment Reserve to match fund the 70% contribution towards the right to buy 1-4-1 capital receipts be approved;</p> <p>(xii) That a contribution of £150k per year for 2020/21 and 2021/22 from the Welfare Reform reserve to support the cost of debt impairments be approved; and</p> <p>(xiii) That the fees and charges approved by the SCH Board on 13 January 2020 set out in Appendix D be noted.</p>
Budget And	<p>RESOLVED:</p>

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<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 – 2022/23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That Full Council on 27 February 2020 be Recommended to approve a budget for 2020/21 of £159.077 million, including the forecast balances on the budget strategy reserve set out in paragraph 3.8 of the Leaders report; (ii) That Full Council on 27 February 2020 be Recommended to approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 – 2022/23, as updated by the Leaders report, and the Corporate Capital Strategy, incorporating the Council's strategy on the flexible use of capital receipts; (iii) That the contribution of £4.681 million from the budget strategy reserve in support of the specific pressures outlined at paragraphs 3.16 to 3.19 of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive (agenda item 9) including the contributions to earmarked reserves detailed in the body of that report be approved; (iv) That the creation of new reserves and contributions as outlined at paragraphs 3.21 to 3.25 of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive (agenda item 9) be approved; (v) That the contribution of £1.052 million of available business rates windfall income to smooth fluctuations in projected retained business rates income outlined at paragraph 3.27 of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive (agenda item 9) be approved; (vi) That the prudential borrowing requirements for the period of the MTFs, as set out at paragraph 3.35 of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive (agenda item 9) be approved; (vii) That Full Council on 27 February 2020 be Recommended to approve the fees and charges proposed within each portfolio (Appendix F of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive (agenda item 9)) for including the amendment outlined at paragraph 3.3 of the Leaders report and shown at Appendix C to the Leaders report; (viii) That Full Council on 27 February 2020 be Recommended to approve the proposed approach to carbon reduction budgeting, as outlined at paragraph 3.38 and detailed in the report to the Budget Strategy Group attached at Appendix G of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive (agenda item 9); (ix) That Full Council on 27 February 2020 be Recommended to approve an increase in the level of the general council tax in 2020/21 of 1.90%; (x) That Full Council on 27 February 2020 be Recommended to approve an increase in council tax for adult social care in 2020/21 of 2.00%; (xi) That Full Council on 27 February 2020 be Recommended to approve Solihull's element of the council tax in 2020/21 is £1,411.00 (£1,285.53 for general council tax and £125.47 for adult social care); and (xii) That it be noted that the requirement for a recorded vote on the budget and the level of council tax at the Full Council meeting on 27 February, as set out in paragraph 3.12 of the Leaders report.

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<p>Solihull Town Centre Low Carbon Energy Network - Outline Business Case</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the principal findings of the Outline Business Case as set out in this report in Section 3. Be noted;</p> <p>(ii) That subject to consideration of this report by the Economic Development and Managed Growth Scrutiny Board on 9th March, the Assistant Director, Highways & Environment and the Director of Resources & Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning and Housing be authorised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit an Outline Business Case (OBC) to the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), to seek and accept funding up to £2m to develop the scheme through the Commercialisation phase into a Full Business Case; • Submit a grant funding application for commercialisation and construction (capital) funding to the Heat Network Investment Project (HNIP); • Should the above application(s) be successful, to sign any contractual arrangements associated with the above funding in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Member. <p>(iii) That the proposed use of up to £240,000 spend at risk for a period of 6 months as detailed at paragraphs 6.4.1 of the report in order to progress the scheme in advance of WMCA approval of the OBC and an offer of suitable funding being received from the Heat Network Investment Project (HNIP) be agreed;</p> <p>(iv) That it be agreed that Cabinet receive a further report on the progress of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commercial delivery model, procurement strategy and funding strategy as the scheme progresses through the commercialisation phase of the project (as set out in Section 3.44 – 3.58); and • The Outline Planning Application for the Energy Centre.
<p>Exclusion Of The Public And Press</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That, pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business to be transacted, on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.</p>

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Housing Revenue Account Investment – Small Sites Development	Private report