

**Decisions taken at the Cabinet  
Meeting held on Thursday 10 February 2022**

Present Councillors: I Courts, K Grinsell, T Dicicco, K Hawkins, R Holt, A Mackiewicz, A Rolf, R Sleigh OBE

Title	Decision Taken
Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllrs Caudwell and L McCarthy who joined the meeting virtually with the Leaders permission.
Declaration of Interest	That in relation to item 10 Cllr Caldwell advised that he and his fiancée ran a small business.
Questions and Deputations	None received.
Minutes	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2022 be received for information.
Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021: Counting the cost of COVID	<b>RESOLVED:</b> i) That the draft annual report be received, that the comments above be noted and Cabinet confirmed that they were content with the next steps that have been set out as part of recovering from and living with Covid-19; and  ii) That the Annual report be <b>recommended</b> for approval by Council in April 2022.
Chelmsley Wood Town Centre Public Consultation	<b>RESOLVED:</b>  (i) That the commencement of a public consultation on the options for redevelopment of Chelmsley Wood Town Centre, in accordance with the approach set out in paragraphs 3.8 to 3.14 of the report be approved;  (ii) That authority be delegated to the Director for Economy and Infrastructure to approve the consultation material to be used in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
Solihull Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2022	<b>RESOLVED:</b>  (i) That the acceptance of £997,220 from the Department for Education to deliver the government's HAFP in Solihull during 2022/23 be approved; and

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	<p>(ii) That it be agreed to delegate authority for decisions about the planning and delivery of the HAFP to the Assistant Director for Communities and Partnerships, in consultation with the interim Director of Children’s Services and Skills, Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities and Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills.</p>
Remuneration of Solihull Community Housing Board Members	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That the remuneration of SCH Board Members be approved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the remuneration for the Chair role is increased by £1,250 to £9,250 to ensure it does not fall too far behind the market median;</li> <li>• That the Chair of Audit &amp; Risk Committee be advertised at £5,500;</li> <li>• That independent and tenant / leaseholder Board members be remunerated at £4,000.</li> </ul> <p>(ii) That the Governance Committee be asked to make a recommendation on the remuneration level of the Council nominated SCH Board Members, up to a level of £4,000.</p>
Business Rates Relief 2022/23	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That the Council’s Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief Scheme for 2022/23 attached at appendix A to the report be approved; and</p> <p>(ii) That the Council’s Transitional Relief and Supporting Small Business Relief for 2022/23 attached at appendix B to the report be approved.</p>
Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That the Council’s Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund policy attached at appendix A to the report be approved; and</p> <p>(ii) That it be approved that the Cabinet Member for Resources in conjunction with the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to make any changes necessary to ensure all the funding is allocated within the specified time frame.</p>

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<p>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES AND RENT INCREASES 2022/23</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That an average rent increase (excluding service charges) of 4.1% (£3.60 per week on a 50-week basis compared to average rents reported 11 February 2021) to £89.47 from 1 April 2022 for HRA stock be approved;</li> <li>(ii) That an average rent increase of 4.1% (£4.58 per week on a 50-week basis compared to average rents reported 11 February 2021) to £116.63 from 1 April 2022 for SMBC Affordable Homes be approved;</li> <li>(iii) That an average rent increase of 4.1% for Saxon Court (£4.23 per week on a 50-week basis compared to average rents reported 11 February 2021) to £107.30 from 1 April 2022 be approved;</li> <li>(iv) That a rent increase of RPI (as at February 2022) + 0.5%, as per lease agreements, from 1 April 2022 for HRA shared ownership properties be approved;</li> <li>(v) That the different rent increases for SCH Part Ownership properties and SCH owned Affordable Homes be noted;</li> <li>(vi) That an increases in garage rents set out in Appendix D, from 1 April 2022 be approved;</li> <li>(vii) That the increase in Leaseholder Management Fees from £133 to £141 per annum be approved;</li> <li>(viii) That the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2022/23 including the SCH Management Fee as set out in the HRA Business Plan Financial Forecast at Appendix A be approved;</li> <li>(ix) That the SCH Management Agreement for 2022/23 – 2026/27 be approved;</li> <li>(x) That the SCH's known pressures and commitments set out in Appendix B be noted; and</li> <li>(xi) That the fees and charges approved by the SCH Board on 29 November 2021 set out in Appendix D be noted.</li> </ul>

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<p>Housing Capital Programme 2022/23</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That the Housing Capital Programme of £35.284 million for 2022/23 be approved;</li> <li>(ii) That the availability of additional resources through prudential borrowing, subject to required approvals be noted;</li> <li>(iii) That an allocation of £1.200 million to SCH to meet statutory Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) demand be approved; and</li> <li>(iv) That SCH enter into a contract that is in excess of £2.500 million be approved.</li> </ul>
<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy update (incorporating the Period 9 position) as at 31 December 2021</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That the current financial position and actions being taken to address budget variances be noted and determine whether any further actions are required;</li> <li>(ii) That the latest Red, Amber and Green (RAG) ratings for the delivery of the (MTFS) savings 2021/22 to 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix A be noted;</li> <li>(iii) That the use of the Budget Strategy Reserve to balance the budget shortfall in the Children, Education and Skills portfolio as detailed in paragraph 3.10. of the report be approved;</li> <li>(iv) That the creation of a new reserve, and contributions to that reserve, in the Economy and Infrastructure Directorate detailed in paragraphs 3.16 and 3.17 of the report be approved;</li> <li>(v) That the creation of two new reserves, and contributions to those reserves, in respect of the North and South Solihull School Sport Partnership detailed in paragraphs 3.31 and 3.32 of the report be approved;</li> <li>(vi) That the Covid-19 financial position and funding sources outlined in Appendix B be noted; and</li> <li>(vii) That the budget adjustments up to Period 9 of 2021/22 as summarised in Appendix C be approved.</li> </ul>

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Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 – 2024/25	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That the recommendation to earmark the 2021/22 and 2022/23 business rates windfall for contribution to the MTFFS, as outlined at paragraph 3.11 of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive be noted;</p> <p>(ii) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 – 2024/25, as updated in the Leaders report, and the Capital Strategy (incorporating the Council’s strategy on the flexible use of capital receipts and the annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement) be <b>Recommended</b> for approval by Full Council;</p> <p>(iii) That the prudential borrowing requirements for the period of the MTFFS, as set out at paragraph 3.19 of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive be approved;</p> <p>(iv) That the fees and charges proposed within each portfolio (Appendix D of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive) be <b>Recommended</b> for approval by Full Council;</p> <p>(v) That the Council’s proposed carbon budget, as detailed in the report to the Members Budget Seminar attached at Appendix E of the report of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive, be <b>Recommended</b> for approval by Full Council;</p> <p>(vi) That an increase of 1.99% in the level of the general council tax in 2022/23 (to £1,342.66 at Band D), be <b>Recommended</b> for approval by Full Council;</p> <p>(vii) That an increase of 1.90% in the social care precept in 2022/23 (to £174.38 at Band D), be Recommended for approval by Full Council;</p> <p>(viii) That a budget for 2022/23 of £163.967 million, including the forecast balances on the budget strategy reserve set out in paragraph 3.7 of the Leaders report and funded by a total Band D council tax of £1,517.04, be <b>Recommended</b> for approval by Full Council; and</p> <p>(ix) That the requirement for a recorded vote on the budget and the level of council tax at the Full Council meeting on 24 February, as set out in paragraph 3.11 of the Leaders report be noted.</p>

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Property Investment Strategy	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="512 398 1235 499">(i) That the monitoring position against the key performance indicators as set out at paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of the report be noted; and</li><li data-bbox="512 533 1235 633">(ii) That the Property Investment Strategy as attached at Appendix A (Public) and Appendix B (Private) be approved.</li></ul>