



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2020/21

Thursday, 25 March 2021

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

17 March 2021

Dear Councillor,

Summons to attend Council Meeting

A MEETING of the **Council**, which you are requested to attend, is to be held at the CIVIC OFFICES, SWINDON, on **Thursday, 25 March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

The business to be transacted will be as follows:-

AGENDA

NOTE:

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1. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Remainder of the Municipal Year, 2020/21** (Pages 9 - 10)
2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. Communications

To receive any communications or letters which the Mayor or Chief Executive may have to bring before the Council.

4. Minutes (Pages 11 - 28)

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

6. Public Question Time

See explanatory note below.

7. Motions

(a) **Motion - Oasis Centre**
Councillor Jim Robbins will move:

"In order to allow the Council to work with partners to get the Oasis reopened as quickly as possible it is important that we know full details of the current state of the building.

This Council, therefore requests, the Leader of the Council, working with the current owners and leaseholders, include in the report (further to Minute 71) a full building and contents survey together with the associated costs required for any work required."

(b) **Motion - Potholes**
Councillor Jim Grant will move:

"This Council notes that the government has recently reduced Swindon's allocation of the road repairs fund by £1.4m a cut of 26% compared with the previous year.

This Council further notes that:

Nicholas Lyes, head of roads policy at the RAC, said the cut in funding for road maintenance was "worrying".

He added: "This can only lead to roads deteriorating further and being in a worse overall state than they are now.

"Councils require certainty of funding over a longer period of time – ideally five years – so they can plan resurfacing and routine maintenance rather than being forced into having a more piecemeal approach."

This Council also notes the recent AA survey, which stated that Swindon Borough Council fixed only 1.2% of its reported potholes in the past year. Additionally that many local residents complain that when a pothole is eventually "fixed" it is only done so on a temporary basis and that, often, the same pothole is having to be "fixed" again within the next year.

In light of the foregoing Council requests that the Leader of the Council

writes to the Secretary of State for Transport to protest against this reduction in funding and asks that the government commits to funding resurfacing and routine maintenance over a five-year period

This Council also requests that the Cabinet Member for Highways, Maintenance and Waste Services brings a report to the next scheduled Cabinet which identifies how road resurfacing in Swindon can be addressed in the long term.”

(c) **Motion - Air Pollution**
Councillor Jane Milner-Barry will move:

“This Council notes the 2020 Centre for Cities report, which identified that 5.4% of total mortality in Swindon could be attributed to poor air quality. While air quality in Swindon has clearly improved during the pandemic it is clear that, long term, the issue persists and will continue get worse unless measures are taken to address the problem.

Therefore, this Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Climate Change to produce a report to the next scheduled cabinet meeting in which it can be outlined how air pollution monitors can be installed outside schools and be fixed to refuse collection lorries. Such monitors will assist officers in gathering evidence to assess where air pollution is at its worst and what measures need to be taken to improve air quality.”

(d) **Motion - Public Sector Pay**
Councillor Jim Grant will move:

“This Council notes:

The NHS has been offered a 1% pay increase this year.

This Council further notes:

Local government has endured central government funding cuts of more than 50% since 2010.

Between 2010 and 2020, councils lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government.

Over the last year, councils have led the way in efforts against the Covid-19 pandemic, providing a huge range of services and support for our communities. Local government has shown more than ever how indispensable it is. But the pandemic has led to a massive increase in expenditure and loss of income, and the Government has failed to provide the full amount of promised support.

Local government workers have kept our communities safe through the pandemic, often putting themselves at considerable risk as they work to protect public health, provide quality housing, ensure our children continue to be educated, and look after older and vulnerable people.

Since 2010, the local government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing at least 23 per cent of their

value since 2009/10.

At the same time, workers have experienced ever-increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity. Across the UK, 900,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 – a reduction of more than 30 per cent. Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector. The funding gap caused by Covid-19 will make local government employment even more precarious.

There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than three-quarters of the local government workforce.

Recent research shows that if the Government were to fully fund the unions' 2021 pay claim, around half of the money would be recouped thanks to increased tax revenue, reduced expenditure on benefits, and increased consumer spending in the local economy.

This Council believes:

Our workers are public service super-heroes. They keep our communities clean and safe, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running.

Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.

Local government workers deserve a proper real terms pay increase. The Government needs to take responsibility and fully fund this increase; it should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding been cut to the bone and who have not been offered adequate support through the Covid-19 pandemic.

This Council resolves to:

Support the pay claim submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers, for a fair pay settlement that is no less than the real living wage in April 2021.

Call on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim.

Write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.

Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and consider practical ways in which the Council can support the campaign."

(e) **Motion - Pharmacy**
Councillor Kevin Small will move:

“This Council supports the residents of Rodbourne in their campaign to retain the pharmacy in Rodbourne Road and ask NHS England to support its retention.”

(f) **Motion - Violence Against Women**
Councillor Emma Bushell will move:

“The Council notes the recent tragic murder of Sarah Everard and the debate this has provoked about violence against women and girls:

- That the Law Commission has recently proposed that sex and gender be added to the list of protected characteristics covered by hate crime law. Misogyny is not currently recorded as a hate crime by the vast majority of police forces in the UK, outside of a handful of trial areas.
- That like women and girls across the country our residents suffer harassment and abuse every single day. A YouGov national survey in 2016 showed that 85% of women aged 18-24 were subjected to sexual harassment in public.
- A 2014 report by the parliamentary Home Affairs Select Committee found that 20% of all crimes were not recorded by police, with rape particularly under-recorded, and 26% of reported rapes being downgraded by the police. As of 2019, 12% of all violent crimes reported in Wiltshire were recorded as non-crime. The accurate recording of crime data is fundamental to tackling violence against women and girls.
- The conviction rate for rape currently stands at 1% in England and Wales having fallen over recent years. Improved conviction rates for rape and violent crimes is fundamental to tackling violence against women and girls.
- The recording of misogynist crime as hate incidents was successfully implemented in Nottingham, where analysis showed an increase in reporting as well as an increase in the use of wider services. It also showed the vast majority of local people wanted the scheme to continue.
- Studies have shown that the intersectional nature of discrimination means that women with additional protected characteristics, such as those who are BAME, disabled or LGBT+, are even more likely to experience harassment, discrimination and abuse.

The Council resolves:

- To write to the government at the earliest opportunity in favour of the reporting of misogynist as hate incidents.
- To call on the Government to listen to the lived experience of women and girls across our country and to urgently act on any recommendations the commission makes to strengthen the law on hate crime, and to reform legislation around harassment to recognise as an offence a 'course of conduct' which targets women and girls in their community.
- To call on the Government to provide the resource and funding for police forces across the UK to effectively tackle harassment, misogyny and domestic abuse and to improve conviction rates for rape and violent crimes against women and girls.
- To call on Wiltshire police force to record harassment of women as a hate incidents, following successful trials in Nottingham and elsewhere and to ensure the accurate recording of crime, particularly rape and violent crime against women."

8. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members

(Pages 29 - 54)

Members have the opportunity to raise questions with the relevant Cabinet Member in respect of Cabinet minutes (which are not reserved for Council for decision) and in respect of individual Cabinet Member delegated decisions.

9. Minutes of other Council Bodies

Members have the opportunity to raise questions with the relevant Chair in respect of all other Committee minutes (not reserved to Council for decision), as set out in the Minute Book circulated separately.

10. Councillors Question Time

Questions (if any) of which notice has been given by Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 15.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Hall

Chief Legal Officer

Questions by Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 11

Swindon Borough Council remains committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters, and matters relating to planning and licensing applications). We will give priority to those who submit questions in writing at least two days before the meeting. Questions must be relevant, clear, and

concise. You may not use Public Question Time as an opportunity to make speeches or statements.

During Covid-19, you must submit your question in writing to CommitteeServices@swindon.gov.uk with your contact details 48 hours before the meeting so the committee officer can send you details about how to participate. The deadline is 15:00 on Tuesday 23rd March 2021. Questions must be relevant, clear, and concise. You may not use Public Question Time as an opportunity to make speeches or statements. The process associated with asking a public question is set out in the “Public Question Time at Council Meetings Protocol and Guidance” available on the Council’s Website ([Public Question Time at Council Meetings Protocol and Guidance](#)) or from the Committee Officer.

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Election of Deputy Mayor for the Remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year

Council

Date: 25th March 2021

Author: Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)

Wards: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To seek nominations and to elect a Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year.
- 1.2 Legislation requires that any vacancy be filled at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- 2.1 Nominate and elect a suitably qualified person as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the remainder of the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

3. Detail

- 3.1 It is with sadness that Council has noted that Councillor Brian Mattock, who was elected Deputy Mayor on 22nd May 2020 (Council Minute 4, 2020/21 refers), died on 12th March 2021.
- 3.2 While this is the last scheduled Full Council meeting of the Municipal Year, legislation requires that in the case of a vacancy there should be an election at the next meeting of the Council.
- 3.3 Moreover, given the anticipated easing of Covid-19 restrictions from 12th April 2021 onwards, it is possible that there may be a demand for His Worship the Mayor to start attending functions, albeit with suitable social distancing, hand-washing, and face covering. Therefore, it is appropriate that Council has elected a Deputy to support His Worship in this role.
- 3.4 Members are reminded that following discussions at the Corporate Governance Review Working Group, it was agreed that the office of mayor be rotated between the Majority Group and other Groups on a 2:1 ratio. It is anticipated that a party group other than the Majority will nominate.
- 3.5 Given the time, it is anticipated that any person serving as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Municipal Year would be eligible to stand for election for a fully year's term of office at the Council's Annual meeting.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Douglas Campbell, docampbell@swindon.gov.uk

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4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 Members could choose to leave the office vacant. This is not recommended for the reasons set out in the body of the report.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 The Deputy Mayor's special responsibility allowance is already part of the 2020/21 Budget.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 Legal and Human Rights implications have been taken into account in preparing this report. It is considered that the recommendations are consistent with Convention Rights.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 None

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 No Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) has been undertaken as this is a Member appoint that does not directly affect service delivery.

Risk Management

- 5.5 None

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Corporate Director of Finance and Assets (s151 officer) and Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None

8. Appendices

- 8.1 None

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT:- The Worshipful The Mayor in the Chair; Councillors Junab Ali, Steve Allsopp, Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Ray Ballman, Alan Bishop, Nick Burns-Howell, Emma Bushell, Matthew Courtliff, Claire Crilly, Malcolm Davies, Mark Dempsey, Paul Dixon, Oliver Donachie, Steph Exell, Emma Faramarzi, Brian Ford, Jim Grant, Dale Heenan, Steve Heyes, Russell Holland, Fay Howard, Janine Howarth, Oladapo Ibitoye, Robert Jandy, Jenny Jefferies, Vinay Manro, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Cathy Martyn, Brian Mattock, Jane Milner-Barry, Stan Pajak, Barbara Parry, Kevin Parry, Maureen Penny, David Renard, James Robbins, Adorabelle Shaikh, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Carol Shelley, Kevin Small, Roger Smith, Basil Solomon, Andy Spry, Gary Sumner, Timothy Swinyard, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Rahul Tarar, Vera Tomlinson, Nadine Watts, Peter Watts, Steve Weisinger, Keith Williams and Robert Wright.

78. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Oladapo Ibitoye.

79. Communications

The Chief Executive reported that no communications had been received.

80. Minutes

Resolved – That, subject to amendment of Minute 70, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January, be confirmed and signed.

81. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

Councillor Barbara Parry made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 10a (Motion – Young Carers) in her capacity as an employee of Kingsdown School.

82. Public Question Time

Ms Nicky Idden submitted a written question regarding the funding of electric buses within the Borough. The Leader of the Council tabled a written response.

Mr Jacek Zmarzlik submitted a written question regarding the roll-out of the food waste collection service within the Borough. The Cabinet Member for Highways, Maintenance and Waste tabled a written response.

Ms Glynis Hales submitted a written question regarding the establishment of wildlife corridors within the Borough. The Cabinet Member for Highways, Maintenance and Waste tabled a written response.

Mr Bradley Williams submitted a written question regarding the Council's future strategy around cycle paths and when it would be published. The Cabinet Member for Highways, Maintenance and Waste tabled a written response.

Mr Bradley Williams submitted a written question regarding the Green Homes Grant. The Cabinet Member for Climate Change tabled a written response.

Mr Roy Worman submitted a written question regarding the establishment of a Community Interest Company. The Cabinet Member for Climate Change tabled a written response.

Mr Worman asked a supplemental question the type of Community Interest Company the Council might establish the costs involved. The Cabinet Member responded at the meeting.

83. Council Budget 2021/22

The Council considered joint reports of the Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills and Corporate Director of Finance and Assets considered by the Cabinet on 18th February 2021 relating to (i) Budget Management Update (February)/Draft Budget, (ii) Capital Programme to 2025/26, (iii) Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22, and (iv) Minute 44 of the Cabinet (Budget 2021/22 and Beyond), Minute 45 of the Cabinet (Capital Programme to 2025/26) and Minute 46 of the Cabinet (Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22).

The Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills advised the Council of two technical changes to the minutes and report as set out below:

(a) Minute 44(c) be amended to read: "It be determined that the proposed increase in the basic amount of Council Tax for 2021/22 is not excessive in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Localism Act 2011 and therefore does not trigger the requirement for a referendum.", and

(b) That in the Budget Management Update (February)/Draft Budget report to Cabinet Appendix 4 on page 48 of the agenda papers an heading under "Service Area – Adult, Housing & Public Health identifying £500,000 be amended to include the following description of funding "Demand Pressure - Learning Disability, increased number of older adults requiring social care services".

The Council agreed that the proposed corrections be accepted as they corrected technical errors and had no impact on the budget itself and did not constitute an amendment.

Councillor Russell Holland moved and Councillor David Renard seconded that Minute 44(10)(a)(b)(c) of the Cabinet (Budget Management Update (February)/Draft Budget), as corrected, Minute 45(1) (Capital Programme to 2025/26) and Minute 46(1) (Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22) be confirmed and adopted.

Councillor Kevin Small moved and Councillor Jim Grant seconded:

That the wording in the resolution be deleted and replaced with the following:

“The Council agrees that:

1. The 2021/22 Budget be set at £153.277m.
2. The council tax be increased by 4.99%, comprising 1.99% for the basic amount of council tax and a specific adult social care precept of 3%.
3. The Capital Financing Budget will increase by an additional £100k from the figure stated in the Budget Report and a further £100k be allocated for revenue support for the Oasis on the basis that the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance will bring a report to the July Cabinet on the early release of £200k of the 2022/23 Efficiency and Productivity Savings as listed in Table 1 of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Statement, which is included in the Budget Report at Appendix 6.
4. The Medium Term Strategy be amended to reflect the fact that an additional £370k of revenue savings will be required in 2022/23 to support the Capital Programme.
5. To note that the proposed amendment has been checked by the Section 151 Officer who has confirmed that this alternative budget for 2021/22 is financially deliverable, if agreed, and the Budget would be lawful.
6. It be determined that the proposed increase in the basic amount of Council Tax for 2021/22 is not excessive in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Localism Act 2011 and therefore does not trigger the requirement for a referendum.

On the Capital Programme the Council agrees:

1. The additions and changes to the Capital Programme and funding sources for the schemes set out at Appendix 1 of this amendment.
2. That the budget for the Bus Boulevard be increased to £33m following the award of £25m Future High Streets grant as detailed in paragraph 3.8 of the Capital Programme Report.
3. To entering into a funding agreement with the Swindon & Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership for £4m of Getting Building capital grant as detailed at paragraph 3.9 of the Capital Programme Report.
4. That further updates to the Capital Programme can be approved by Cabinet within the approved capital financing revenue budget and prudential indicators.
5. The Capital Strategy at appendix 2 of the Capital Programme Report and Councils asks the Cabinet to review the strategy in light of the elections

results in May, and bring back any proposed changes to the July 2021 Council meeting.

6. A feasibility study to help inform the Council on the development potential of the Corn Exchange and the Council's adjoining land as detailed in paragraphs 3.10 to 3.11 of the Capital Programme Report.

On the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22 the Council agrees:

1. The Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Prudential Indicators, as set out in Appendix 1 of the Treasury Strategy Statement 2021/22 Report, amended to reflect the revised capital programme.
2. That the prohibition of borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board to support the purchase of "debt for yield" investments, as detailed in paragraphs 3.27 to 3.29 the Treasury Strategy Statement 2021/22 Report, be noted.
3. Council's asks the Cabinet to review the Treasury Strategy for 2021/22, in light of the elections results in May, and bring back any proposed changes to the July 2021 Council meeting."

The amendment was put to the vote and declared lost.

In line with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the vote on the amendment was recorded:

Councillors voting for the resolution were: Councillors Junab Ali, Steve Allsopp, Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Ray Ballman, Emma Bushell, Claire Crilly, Mark Dempsey, Paul Dixon, Oliver Donachie, Steph Exell, Emma Faramarzi, Jim Grant, Fay Howard, Janine Howarth, Jane Milner-Barry, Stan Pajak, Jim Robbins, Adorabelle Shaikh, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Carol Shelley, Kevin Small, Andy Spry, Nadine Watts, Peter Watts and Robert Wright.

Councillors voting against the resolution were Councillors Alan Bishop, Nick Burns-Howell, Matthew Courtliff, Malcolm Davies, Brian Ford, Dale Heenan, Steve Heyes, Russell Holland, Rob Jandy, Jenny Jefferies, Vinay Manro, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Cathy Martyn, Brian Mattock, Barbara Parry, Kevin Parry, Maureen Penny, Garry Perkins, David Renard, Roger Smith, Bazil Solomon, Gary Sumner, Tim Swinyard, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Rahul Tarar, Vera Tomlinson, Steve Weisinger and Keith Williams.

There were no abstentions.

The Substantive Motion was put to the vote and declared carried:

In line with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the vote on the amendment was recorded:

Councillors voting for the resolution were Councillors Alan Bishop, Nick Burns-

Howell, Matthew Courtliff, Malcolm Davies, Brian Ford, Dale Heenan, Steve Heyes, Russell Holland, Rob Jandy, Jenny Jefferies, Vinay Manro, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Cathy Martyn, Brian Mattock, Barbara Parry, Kevin Parry, Maureen Penny, Garry Perkins, David Renard, Roger Smith, Bazil Solomon, Gary Sumner, Tim Swinyard, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Rahul Tarar, Vera Tomlinson, Steve Weisinger and Keith Williams.

Councillors voting against the resolution were Councillors Junab Ali, Steve Allsopp, Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Ray Ballman, Emma Bushell, Claire Crilly, Mark Dempsey, Paul Dixon, Oliver Donachie, Steph Exell, Emma Faramarzi, Jim Grant, Fay Howard, Janine Howarth, Jane Milner-Barry, Stan Pajak, Jim Robbins, Adorabelle Shaikh, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Carol Shelley, Kevin Small, Andy Spry, Nadine Watts, Peter Watts and Robert Wright.

There were no abstentions.

84. Council Tax Setting 2021/22

The Council considered a joint report of the Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills and the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets, inviting members to formally resolve the Borough's Council Tax for 2021-22, recognising that Billing Authorities have a statutory requirement to set the annual Council Tax bills by 11th March.

Councillor Russell Holland moved and Councillor David Renard seconded and the Council agreed:

“(1) That a 4.99% increase in the Council Tax levels for the Borough Council element of the 2021-22 bills in accordance with the budget proposed by Cabinet on 3rd February 2021 be approved.

(2) That it be determined that the Basic Amount of Council Tax for the Financial Year 2021-22 is not excessive within the statutory definitions set out within part I of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and that therefore no referendum is required.

That it be recorded that the advice of the Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) has been taken into account in the setting of the level of Council Tax for 2021-22.

(3) That it be noted that the Council's revenue budget is £153,277,452 as recommended by the Cabinet to this Council on 3rd February 2021.

(4) That it be recorded that the advice of the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets (Section 151 Officer) has been taken into account in the setting of the level of Council Tax for 2021-22.

(5) That it be noted that in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) the Council's Tax Base for 2021-22 is 76,260.3 in total with the breakdown by Parish set out in Appendix 3 of the joint report.

(6) That the following amounts be calculated by the Council in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011:-

- (a) Borough / Parish Gross Expenditure £535,861,027 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the 1992 Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- (b) Borough Gross Income plus Collection Fund Balance £412,880,365 being

the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- (c) Borough/Parish Net Expenditure £122,980,662 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT for the year.
- (d) Basic Amount of Tax (including average parish precepts) £1,612.64 being the amount at 4(c) above divided by the amount at 3 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. In accordance with Schedule 5 of the Localism Act 2011, this sum is not considered to be excessive.
- (e) Special Items £9,234,612 being the aggregate of Parish Precepts and collectively known as special items and referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f) Basic Amount of Tax⁽¹⁾ £1,491.55 being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by the amount at 3, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.
- (g) Basic Amount of Tax (Special and Parished Areas) the amounts shown in Appendix 2 of the joint report, being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(f) above, the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in the appropriate part of the Council's area - divided by the appropriate amount at 3 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a special item relates.
- (h) Borough/Parish Council Tax Rates the amounts shown in Appendix 1, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band, divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

(7) Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon That it be noted that for the year 2021-22 the Police and Crime Commissioner has stated the following amounts in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£154.18	£179.88	£205.57	£231.27	£282.66	£334.06	£385.45	£462.54

(8) That it be noted that for the year 2021-22 the Swindon and Wiltshire Joint Fire Authority has stated the following amounts in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£51.92	£60.57	£68.23	£77.88	£95.19	£112.49	£129.80	£155.76

Note1: The Basic Amount of Tax of £1,491.55 comprises £1,324.77 for services generally plus £166.78 specifically relating to a 3% increase in the previous year's bill to contribute towards the increased cost of adult social care.

The resolution was put to the vote and declared carried.

In line with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the vote on this resolution was recorded:

Councillors voting for the resolution were Councillors Junab Ali, Steve Allsopp, Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Ray Ballman, Alan Bishop, Nick Burns-Howell, Emma Bushell, Matthew Courtliff, Claire Crilly, Malcolm Davies, Mark Dempsey, Paul Dixon, Steph Exell, Brian Ford, Jim Grant, Dale Heenan, Steve Heyes, Russell Holland, Fay Howard, Janine Howarth, Rob Jandy, Jenny Jefferies, Vinay Manro, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Cathy Martyn, Brian Mattock, Jane Milner-Barry, Stan Pajak, Barbara Parry, Kevin Parry, Maureen Penny, Garry Perkins, David Renard, Jim Robbins, Adorabelle Shaikh, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Carol Shelley, Kevin Small, Roger Smith, Basil Solomon, Andy Spry, Tim Swinyard, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Gary Sumner, Rahul Tarar, Vera Tomlinson, Nadine Watts, Peter Watts, Steve Weisinger, Keith Williams, and Robert Wright.

Councillors voting against the resolution were Councillors Oliver Donachie and Emma Faramarzi.

There were no abstentions.

85. Housing Revenue Account - Rents and Charges 2021/22

The Council considered (a) a joint report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety and the Corporate Director, Communities and Housing, concerning the proposed Housing Revenue Account – Rents and Charges 2020/21, and (b) Minute 47 of the Cabinet (Housing Revenue Account – Rents and Charges 2021/22).

Councillor Cathy Martyn moved and Councillor David Renard seconded:

“That Council approves that:

- (1) That the proposed average social rent for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) dwellings for 2021/22 of £82.55 per week (52 week basis), which is an increase of 1.5%, be approved. This will be an average increase of £1.22 per week (on a 52 week basis). The range of increases are shown in paragraph 3.7 of the joint report.
- (2) That the Director of Housing be authorised to seek authority from the Secretary of State to extend permission to provide a budget of £200,000 within the HRA for payments to Council’s tenants under the Discretionary Housing Payments scheme in 2021/22 as detailed at paragraphs 3.22 of the joint report.
- (3) That the housing related support charges for 2021/22 and service charges for 2021/22 as outlined in Appendix 2 be approved.
- (4) That the leaseholder service charges are set for 2021/22 as shown in Appendix 3 of the joint report be approved.
- (5) That based on the proposals within this report, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) proposed budget 2021/22, shown in Appendix 4, be approved and that the HRA Capital Budget and Funding as shown in Appendix 5 of the joint report be approved.
- (6) That the draft 5 year capital projects and planned maintenance programme be

approved at an indicative funding level of £16.0m (2020/21 prices) for 2021/22 Appendix 5 of the joint report.

(7) That the revision to the budget for the two bungalow schemes in the New Development Programme of £800,000 included in Appendix 5 of the report reflecting additional costs associated with the Council's commitment to delivering low carbon energy efficient homes be approved.

(8) That the Director of Housing be authorised to undertake a new acquisition programme and approve the acquisition programme budget of £8m for 2021/22 in accordance with paragraph 3.18 of the joint report, to include the purchase of 1-4 bedroom properties to help meet priority housing needs arising from homelessness and clients supported by Adult Social Care.

(9) That rents charged on General Fund properties be increased in line with the Government's Direction on the Rent Standard 2019 also applied to Housing Revenue Account rents. This allows for rent increases of up to the CPI for the September of the preceding financial year, plus 1%. Increases for 2020/21 will therefore be capped at 1.5%.

(10) That service charges for General Fund properties for 2021/22, as shown in Appendix 7 of the joint report be approved.

(11) That the charges for Private Sector Leased (PSL) accommodation for those accepted as homeless once published by the Government and as set out in Appendix 6 of the joint report be approved.

(12) That any underspend or overspend on the 2020/21 Housing Revenue Account be managed through the general revenue reserves."

The resolution was put to the vote and declared carried.

86. Swindon Pay Policy Statement 2021/22

The Council considered (a) a joint report of the Cabinet Member for Organisational Excellence and the Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development, on the requirement, under Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011, for the Council to agree and publish a Pay Policy Statement by 1st April each year, and setting out the Council's proposed Pay Policy Statement for consideration, (b) Minute 48 of the Cabinet (Pay Policy Statement), and (c) the Council's draft Pay Policy Statement.

Councillor Robert Jandy moved and Councillor Russell Holland seconded:

"That the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 1 of the joint report be approved and adopted."

The resolution was put to the vote and declared carried.

87. Motion - Young Carers

At the request of the mover of the Motion and with the agreement of the Council the motion was amended to read:

Councillor Barbara Parry moved and Councillor Carol Shelley seconded:

"There is a relatively strong body of evidence on the adverse impact of caring on health outcomes - including mental health, social activity, educational engagement and employment opportunities for Young Carers. OFSTED inspections no longer

directly recognise Young Carers and hence, they are not afforded the protection and financial support that other disadvantaged young people are. Young Carers are considerably disadvantaged and whilst some fall into the Pupil Premium category by coincidence, many do not due to the ongoing difficulties with identifying them. They can often find themselves struggling to meet homework deadlines due to their commitments in the home, miss out on opportunities and experiences to aid personal development, and develop cultural capital. This includes extra-curricular activities, which also support academic attainment. As many of these activities take place outside of school hours, many Young Carers will not attend these sessions due to commitments at home.

This Council believes:

- By using a small proportion of the Pupil Premium to support young carers, schools can mitigate some of the inequalities and barriers that young carers face, raise student aspirations, attainment and improve the life chances for this significant and vulnerable group.
- All Young Carers should be put under the Pupil Premium umbrella in order to provide them with the necessary protection and support.
- All Young Carers should receive dispensation from consequences when their Young Carer role prevents them from meeting homework deadlines and alternative arrangements should be made to support them and their learning.
- The system for identifying Young Carers should be reviewed with a view to making improvements to ensure they are all able to receive the support they require.
- All young carers will be offered a “School Nurse Health Assessment” to offer a holistic assessment of physical, emotional or social need.

This Council:

- Is committed to doing all it can to champion Young Carers and to raise their aspirations and as such will work with schools and other relevant partners, including the Government, to make necessary improvements and to periodically review, reflect and implement any further improvements.

This Council requests that:

- The Leader writes to the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP, and the Minister of State for Schools, the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, recognising the enormous contribution that young carers make. The letter should further request:
 - That a system be put in place to ensure that all Young Carers are included in the Pupil Premium or that a separate fund similar to that of the Pupil Premium be implemented for young carers.
 - That OFSTED inspections must once again include support for and outcomes of Young Carers

- The Cabinet Members for Children's Services and Education & Skills, in consultation with the Young Carers themselves, work with their officers to raise further awareness in all Swindon Schools of the role of Young Carers and to encourage all Swindon schools to achieve the Young Carer Award and rightly champion these young people. Thereby creating a strong culture of pride in Young Carers themselves and providing their peers with a sense of pride and admiration towards them."

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

88. Motion - Community Interest Company

At the request of the mover of the Motion and with the agreement of the Council the motion was amended to read:

Councillor Matthew Courtliff moved and Councillor Jane Milner-Barry seconded:

"This Council:

- Recognises that heating residential and commercial property is one of the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in the U.K.
- Retrofitting a property to meet the highest standards of energy efficiency generates around 10% of the emissions of a new build
 - Nationally fuel poverty is a continuing problem
 - Government policy is that all homes should achieve an EPC rating of C or above

This Council pledges:

- To support the setting up of a CIC to promote energy efficiency and respond to fuel poverty in Swindon
 - This will be achieved by (but not exclusively) performing energy efficiency audits
 - providing advice, education, training and installation services
 - recruiting and training volunteers to meet the level of need
- In addition we pledge to encourage the training and creation of retrofitting jobs in the Swindon community to support this initiative.

This Council Requests:

- The Cabinet Member for Climate Change works with residents, businesses and community groups to investigate the setting up of an Energy Efficiency Community Interest Company in Swindon."

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

89. Status of requests for action from Council Motions

The Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive submitted a joint report setting out the status of actions requested by the Council and to allow the Leader of the Council to report on the reasons why any actions have not been completed within

90 days.

Resolved – (1) That the record of actions completed as set out in paragraph 1 of the joint report be noted.

(2) That the outstanding action, set out within paragraph 3.2 of the report, and the reason for its incompleteness, be noted.

90.

Councillors Question Time

The Chief Legal Officer reported that a Standing Order 15 Questions had been received from Councillors Jim Grant and Bob Wright.

Councillor Bob Wright asked a supplemental question regarding the recording of local Covid-19 data. The Cabinet Member for Adults and Health responded at the meeting.

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Appendix 1								
SUMMARY OF COUNCIL TAX BILLS BY VALUATION BAND								
AREA OF THE BOROUGH	VALUATION BAND							
	A £ - p	B £ - p	C £ - p	D £ - p	E £ - p	F £ - p	G £ - p	H £ - p
Bishopstone	1,226.52	1,430.94	1,635.35	1,839.77	2,248.60	2,657.45	3,066.29	3,679.54
Blunsdon	1,252.15	1,460.84	1,669.52	1,878.22	2,295.59	2,712.98	3,130.36	3,756.43
Castle Eaton	1,299.31	1,515.87	1,732.41	1,948.96	2,382.06	2,815.17	3,248.28	3,897.93
Central Swindon North	1,290.73	1,505.85	1,720.97	1,936.09	2,366.33	2,796.57	3,226.82	3,872.18
Central Swindon South	1,291.73	1,507.02	1,722.30	1,937.59	2,368.16	2,798.74	3,229.32	3,875.19
Chiseldon	1,296.46	1,512.53	1,728.60	1,944.68	2,376.82	2,808.98	3,241.14	3,889.36
Covingham	1,257.44	1,467.01	1,676.58	1,886.15	2,305.29	2,724.44	3,143.59	3,772.31
Hannington	1,244.28	1,451.66	1,659.03	1,866.42	2,281.17	2,695.93	3,110.70	3,732.83
Haydon Wick	1,263.48	1,474.06	1,684.63	1,895.21	2,316.36	2,737.53	3,158.69	3,790.42
Highworth	1,326.96	1,548.12	1,769.27	1,990.43	2,432.75	2,875.07	3,317.39	3,980.87
Inglesham	1,200.47	1,400.55	1,600.62	1,800.70	2,200.85	2,601.01	3,001.17	3,601.40
Liddington	1,243.38	1,450.61	1,657.83	1,865.07	2,279.52	2,693.98	3,108.45	3,730.13
Nythe, Eldene & Liden	1,236.73	1,442.86	1,648.97	1,855.09	2,267.33	2,679.58	3,091.83	3,710.19
South Marston	1,276.26	1,488.97	1,701.67	1,914.38	2,339.79	2,765.22	3,190.64	3,828.76
St Andrews	1,237.40	1,443.63	1,649.86	1,856.09	2,268.55	2,681.02	3,093.49	3,712.18
Stanton Fitzwarren	1,257.63	1,467.24	1,676.83	1,886.44	2,305.65	2,724.86	3,144.07	3,772.88
Stratton St Margaret	1,327.16	1,548.36	1,769.54	1,990.74	2,433.12	2,875.51	3,317.90	3,981.48
Wanborough	1,265.80	1,476.76	1,687.72	1,898.69	2,320.61	2,742.55	3,164.48	3,797.38
West Swindon	1,268.08	1,479.43	1,690.77	1,902.11	2,324.80	2,747.50	3,170.19	3,804.23
Wroughton	1,305.29	1,522.84	1,740.38	1,957.93	2,393.02	2,828.12	3,263.22	3,915.86

BREAKDOWN OF COUNCIL TAX BILLS BY VALUATION BAND

	Valuation Band							
	A £ - p	B £ - p	C £ - p	D £ - p	E £ - p	F £ - p	G £ - p	H £ - p
<u>Bishopstone</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Bishopstone	26.05	30.39	34.73	39.07	47.75	56.44	65.12	78.14
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,226.52	1,430.94	1,635.35	1,839.77	2,248.60	2,657.45	3,066.29	3,679.54
<u>Blunsdon</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Blunsdon	51.68	60.29	68.90	77.52	94.74	111.97	129.19	155.03
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,252.15	1,460.84	1,669.52	1,878.22	2,295.59	2,712.98	3,130.36	3,756.43
<u>Castle Eaton</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Castle Eaton	98.84	115.32	131.79	148.26	181.21	214.16	247.11	296.53
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,299.31	1,515.87	1,732.41	1,948.96	2,382.06	2,815.17	3,248.28	3,897.93
<u>Central Swindon North</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Central Swindon North	90.26	105.30	120.35	135.39	165.48	195.56	225.65	270.78
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,290.73	1,505.85	1,720.97	1,936.09	2,366.33	2,796.57	3,226.82	3,872.18
<u>Central Swindon South</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Central Swindon South	91.26	106.47	121.68	136.89	167.31	197.73	228.15	273.79
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,291.73	1,507.02	1,722.30	1,937.59	2,368.16	2,798.74	3,229.32	3,875.19
<u>Chiseldon</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Chiseldon	95.99	111.98	127.98	143.98	175.97	207.97	239.97	287.96
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,296.46	1,512.53	1,728.60	1,944.68	2,376.82	2,808.98	3,241.14	3,889.36
<u>Covingham</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Covingham	56.97	66.46	75.96	85.45	104.44	123.43	142.42	170.91
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,257.44	1,467.01	1,676.58	1,886.15	2,305.29	2,724.44	3,143.59	3,772.31
<u>Hannington</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Hannington	43.81	51.11	58.41	65.72	80.32	94.92	109.53	131.43
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,244.28	1,451.66	1,659.03	1,866.42	2,281.17	2,695.93	3,110.70	3,732.83

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	Valuation Band							
	A £ - p	B £ - p	C £ - p	D £ - p	E £ - p	F £ - p	G £ - p	H £ - p
<u>Haydon Wick</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Haydon Wick	63.01	73.51	84.01	94.51	115.51	136.52	157.52	189.02
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,263.48	1,474.06	1,684.63	1,895.21	2,316.36	2,737.53	3,158.69	3,790.42
<u>Highworth</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Highworth	126.49	147.57	168.65	189.73	231.90	274.06	316.22	379.47
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,326.96	1,548.12	1,769.27	1,990.43	2,432.75	2,875.07	3,317.39	3,980.87
<u>Inglesham</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Inglesham	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,200.47	1,400.55	1,600.62	1,800.70	2,200.85	2,601.01	3,001.17	3,601.40
<u>Liddington</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Liddington	42.91	50.06	57.21	64.37	78.67	92.97	107.28	128.73
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,243.38	1,450.61	1,657.83	1,865.07	2,279.52	2,693.98	3,108.45	3,730.13
<u>Nythe, Eldene & Liden</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Nythe, Eldene & Liden	36.26	42.31	48.35	54.39	66.48	78.57	90.66	108.79
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,236.73	1,442.86	1,648.97	1,855.09	2,267.33	2,679.58	3,091.83	3,710.19
<u>South Marston</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
South Marston	75.79	88.42	101.05	113.68	138.94	164.21	189.47	227.36
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,276.26	1,488.97	1,701.67	1,914.38	2,339.79	2,765.22	3,190.64	3,828.76
<u>St Andrews</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
St Andrews	36.93	43.08	49.24	55.39	67.70	80.01	92.32	110.78
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,237.40	1,443.63	1,649.86	1,856.09	2,268.55	2,681.02	3,093.49	3,712.18
<u>Stanton Fitzwarren</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Stanton Fitzwarren	57.16	66.69	76.21	85.74	104.80	123.85	142.90	171.48
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,257.63	1,467.24	1,676.83	1,886.44	2,305.65	2,724.86	3,144.07	3,772.88

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<u>Stratton St Margaret</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Stratton St Margaret	126.69	147.81	168.92	190.04	232.27	274.50	316.73	380.08
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,327.16	1,548.36	1,769.54	1,990.74	2,433.12	2,875.51	3,317.90	3,981.48
<u>Wanborough</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Wanborough	65.33	76.21	87.10	97.99	119.76	141.54	163.31	195.98
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,265.80	1,476.76	1,687.72	1,898.69	2,320.61	2,742.55	3,164.48	3,797.38
<u>West Swindon</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
West Swindon	67.61	78.88	90.15	101.41	123.95	146.49	169.02	202.83
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,268.08	1,479.43	1,690.77	1,902.11	2,324.80	2,747.50	3,170.19	3,804.23
<u>Wroughton</u>								
Swindon 'General Expenses'	883.18	1,030.38	1,177.57	1,324.77	1,619.16	1,913.55	2,207.95	2,649.54
Swindon Adult Social Care precept element	111.19	129.72	148.25	166.78	203.84	240.91	277.97	333.56
Wroughton	104.82	122.29	139.76	157.23	192.17	227.11	262.05	314.46
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	51.92	60.57	69.23	77.88	95.19	112.49	129.80	155.76
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
BILL AMOUNT	1,305.29	1,522.84	1,740.38	1,957.93	2,393.02	2,828.12	3,263.22	3,915.86

	Band D Charge 2021-22	Tax Base 2021-22	Precept 2021-22	Band D Charge 2020-21	Tax Base 2020-21	Precept 2020-21	Band D Charge Change 2020-21 to 2021-22		Precept Change 2020-21 to 2021-22	
Bishopstone	£39.07	328.8	£12,847	£39.08	325.9	£12,736	-£0.01	0.0%	£110	0.9%
Blunsdon	£77.52	1,094.6	£84,850	£79.89	1,126.5	£90,000	-£2.38	-3.0%	-£5,150	-5.7%
Castle Eaton	£148.26	113.9	£16,887	£141.02	114.8	£16,189	£7.24	5.1%	£698	4.3%
Central Swindon North	£135.39	9,753.7	£1,320,553	£128.96	9,773.00	£1,260,292	£6.43	5.0%	£60,261	4.8%
Central Swindon South	£136.89	18,753.3	£2,567,193	£125.89	18,623.20	£2,344,468	£11.00	8.7%	£222,725	9.5%
Chiseldon	£143.98	993.2	£143,000	£139.94	993.3	£139,000	£4.04	2.9%	£4,000	2.9%
Covingham	£85.45	1,490.8	£127,394	£72.16	1,493.0	£107,734	£13.29	18.4%	£19,660	18.2%
Hannington	£65.72	118.6	£7,794	£65.72	126.1	£8,287	£0.00	0.0%	-£493	-5.9%
Haydon Wick	£94.51	9,005.9	£851,159	£91.23	9,014.5	£822,376	£3.28	3.6%	£28,783	3.5%
Highworth	£189.73	3,116.2	£591,250	£159.25	3,120.9	£497,000	£30.49	19.1%	£94,250	19.0%
Inglesham	£0.00	55.0	£0	£0.00	51.0	£0	£0.00	0.0%	£0	0.0%
Liddington	£64.37	290.6	£18,705	£61.30	220.5	£13,517	£3.07	5.0%	£5,188	38.4%
Nythe, Eldene & Liden	£54.39	3,490.1	£189,841	£52.15	3,500.3	£182,539	£2.24	4.3%	£7,302	4.0%
South Marston	£113.68	395.7	£44,984	£110.37	394.6	£43,553	£3.31	3.0%	£1,431	3.3%
St Andrews	£55.39	6,938.4	£384,319	£53.68	6,588.90	£353,714	£1.71	3.2%	£30,605	8.7%
Stanton Fitzwarren	£85.74	104.5	£8,960	£85.20	103.1	£8,784	£0.54	0.6%	£176	2.0%
Stratton St Margaret	£190.04	7,208.9	£1,369,964	£187.98	7,287.9	£1,369,964	£2.06	1.1%	£0	0.0%
Wanborough	£97.99	929.7	£91,099	£89.08	922.5	£82,175	£8.91	10.0%	£8,924	10.9%
West Swindon	£101.41	8,873.3	£899,872	£97.84	8,929.70	£873,662	£3.58	3.7%	£26,210	3.0%
Wroughton	£157.23	3,205.1	£503,941	£150.66	3,169.2	£477,477	£6.57	4.4%	£26,464	5.5%
Total	£121.09	76,260.3	£9,234,612	£114.70	75,878.9	8,703,467	£6.39	5.6%	£531,145	6.1%

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CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT:- Councillors David Renard (Chair), Brian Ford, Dale Heenan, Russell Holland, Mary Martin, Cathy Martyn, Maureen Penny, Gary Sumner and Keith Williams

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Robert Jandy

The following councillors attended the meeting and spoke to the respective Minutes listed below: Councillor Emma Bushell - 47, 49 and 51; Councillor Jim Grant - 44, 45, 47 and 51; Councillor Vinay Manro - 49; Councillor Jane Milner-Barry - 51; Councillor Barbara Parry - 52; Councillor Kevin Parry - 52, and Councillor Bob Wright - 44 and 45.

40. Applause for Captain Sir Tom Moore RIP

The Chair led Cabinet as part of the national applause in recognition of Captain Sir Tom Moore RIP, the centenarian, veteran, and fund-raiser for NHS Charities Together, who had become a victim of Covid-19.

41. Declarations of Interest.

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. On advice from legal officers, Councillor Gary Sumner made a personal and prejudicial declaration of interest in Agenda Item 14 (Minute 53) - Transfer of Land (Clays Close) – by virtue of being a Director of the Swindon Housing Company.

42. Minutes.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

43. Public Question Time.

Mr Roy Worman submitted questions concerning the Budget report, to which written responses had been provided. Mr Worman asked a supplementary question concerning government funding to cover Covid-10, to which the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets responded at the meeting. Mr Daniel Adams submitted questions concerning the Oasis, to which written responses had been provided.

44. Budget Management Update (February)/Draft Budget 2021/22

Councillor Russell Holland, the Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills along with the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets (Section 151 Officer) submitted joint report setting out the current budget management position

for the 2020/21 financial year and proposing a Budget for 2021/22. It was noted that, under the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet is required to recommend a budget to Council as part of its formal Council Tax Setting responsibilities.

Councillor Holland introduced the joint report and thanked all staff for their efforts in bringing the 2021/21 to a projected balance by the end of the financial year, having warned Cabinet at previous meetings that this might not be so. He also noted the government's financial support that had contributed towards this.

Councillor Holland added that the draft budget 2021/22 was seeking to propose to Council a Council Tax increase of 4.99%, which would include 3% permitted as the Adult Social Care precept. The Cabinet Member outlined some of the demographic and inflationary cost pressures the Council was facing. The Leader added that this proposed increase was in-line with similar councils in England.

Councillors Jim Grant and Bob Wright asked a number of questions to which Councillor Holland and Councillor Ford - the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health - responded at the meeting.

- i. How was the budget taking into account the costs of supporting the victims of 'long-Covid' as well as the additional pressures from increased domestic violence and mental health issues? Officers were aware of the budget pressures and the Council was working with the Clinical Commissioning Group and the NHS to support a 'long-Covid' treatment protocol.
- ii. How did the budget interpret the Government's concept of levelling up? This is a central government focus on regional inequalities. Swindon has received significant amounts through the Local Enterprise Partnership and the New Towns Fund.
- iii. Was the budget's focus on investment appropriate, should it address more demand issues now? The budget was continuing to focus on long-term investments that would bring tangible benefits to the Borough.

The Leader of the Council agreed to a request from Councillor Dale Heenan - Cabinet Member for the Town Centre, Culture and Heritage – to send a communication to all staff members to thank them for their efforts in balancing the budget.

Resolved: (1) That Cabinet notes the medium term financial context and impact on Swindon of the draft Local Government Finance settlement;
(2) That Cabinet notes the projected out-turn for 2020/21;
(3) That Cabinet notes the consultation feedback summarised in Appendix 3,
(4) That Cabinet notes the detailed Dedicated Schools Grant budget for 2021/22, based on a provisional funding envelope of £216.131m;
(5) That Cabinet notes that, in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets, confirms the robustness of the estimates underlying the recommended Budget and adequacy of reserves, in the context of the earmarked reserves and proposed budget risk contingency.
(6) That the virements set out in Appendix 2 be approved;
(7) That the medium term financial strategy, set out in Appendix 6, be endorsed;
(8) That the specific reserves held in support of the 2021/22 Revenue Budget set out in Appendix 5 be agreed;
(9) That the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets be authorised to balance any changes between the provisional and final local government finance settlements by

adjusting the Budget Risk Contingency;

(Minute for Confirmation)

(10) That Cabinet recommends to Council, subject to any changes resulting from the Government's announcement of the final local government finance settlement for 2021/22, that:-

(a) The 2021/22 Budget be set at £153.277m;

(b) The council tax be increased by 4.99%, comprising 1.99% for the basic amount of council tax and a specific adult social care precept of 3%, and;

(c) It be determined that the proposed increase in the basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 is not excessive in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Localism Act 2011 and therefore does not trigger the requirement for a referendum.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

45. Capital Programme to 2025/26

Councillor Russell Holland, the Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education, and Skills along with the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets, submitted joint report to provide an update to the Capital Strategy and report new capital investment requirements through to 2025/26.

Councillor Holland introduced the joint report and tabled the following additional recommendation: 'To allocate £5m to the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be used as part of a leisure opportunity in Swindon, subject to the approval of a business case by Cabinet identifying the source of funding and setting out how this can be achieved at no additional cost to the Council's revenue budget.'

Councillors Jim Grant and Bob Wright asked a range of questions to which Councillor Holland and the Leader responded at the meeting.

- i. How will this £5m be funded? This would have to be addressed in any business case. If agreed, it would form part of the Capital Financing Requirement
- ii. Is this money for the strictly for the Oasis? The Council cannot act as a 'white knight' or speculative but would continue to work with Seven Capital and GLL. The amount would be to be to facilitate leisure opportunities across Swindon.
- iii. Are the issues delaying the SnowDome related to Brexit or Covid-19? The leisure sector has been affected harshly by Covid, which has had an impact on both GLL and the SnowDome proposal.
- iv. Would the money be ring-fenced for leisure? It would be linked only to a specific business case. If that did not come forward, the money would not be borrowed.
- v. Why was the money not identified before now? This is the correct time as Council will be considering the budget for the next financial year in February 2021.
- vi. How would the Council be repaid for this money, would it be a loan or an investment? This would have to be addressed in the business case as happens with other uses of Council borrowing.
- vii. Would the Council be able to pay more? Yes if, and only if, there was a business case that justified the spending.
- viii. How was the figure of £5m reached? This was based on the Council's previous knowledge and experience.

Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre, Culture, and Heritage, pointed out how Covid-19 had already delayed a listing application to Historic England. He also informed colleagues about the range of work to support leisure across the Borough.

Resolved: (1) That it be recommend that Council approves (Minute for Confirmation):

(a) The additions to the Capital Programme and funding sources for the schemes set out at Appendix 1;

(b) That the budget for the Bus Boulevard be increased to £33m following the award of £25m Future High Streets grant as detailed in paragraph 3.8;

(c) Entering into a funding agreement with the Swindon & Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership for £4m of Getting Building capital grant as detailed at paragraph 3.9;

(d) That further updates to the Capital Programme can be approved by Cabinet within the approved capital financing revenue budget and prudential indicators;

(e) The Capital Strategy attached at Appendix 2 and

(f) A feasibility study to help inform the Council on the development potential of the Corn Exchange and the Council's adjoining land as detailed in paragraphs 3.10 to 3.11.

(g) To allocate £5m to the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be used as part of a leisure opportunity in Swindon, subject to the approval of a business case by Cabinet identifying the source of funding and setting out how this can be achieved at no additional cost to the Council's revenue budget.

(2) That the impact on long term borrowing of the approvals sought in this report, as set out at paragraph 3.7 be noted; and

(3) That it be approved that schools capital funding is distributed as detailed in paragraph 3.18.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

46. Treasury management strategy statement 2021/22

Councillor Russell Holland, the Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education, and Skills along with the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets submitted a joint report on the Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22, including Prudential Indicators up to 2025/26, the Annual Investment Strategy, and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement.

Councillor Holland introduced the joint report and summarised the Strategy, which has an important role in delivering the Capital Programme and is subject to scrutiny through the Audit Committee.

Resolved: (1) That the Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Prudential Indicators, as set out in Appendix 1, be recommended for approval by Full Council on 18th February 2021.

(2) That the prohibition of borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board to support the purchase of "debt for yield" investments, as detailed in paragraphs 3.27 to 3.29, be noted.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

(Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre, Culture, and Heritage, left the meeting at the end of this item but returned for Agenda Item 14/Minute 53.)

47. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) - Rents and Charges 2021/22

Councillor Cathy Martyn, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety along with the Director of Housing submitted a joint report setting out the proposed rents, service charges, support charges for 2021/22 and proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2021/22.

Councillor Martyn introduced the joint report setting out the outcome of the on-line consultations on a 1.5% rent increase. The Cabinet Member also informed colleagues about the impact of four years of government-mandated rent reductions, and the ongoing pressures on the maintenance and repair programme because of the loss of income. Councillor Martyn drew Members' attention to the specific modifications and improvements that were being made to homes to help meet the Council's carbon reduction targets.

Councillors Emma Bushell and Jim Grant asked the Cabinet Member about when the work on the two high-rise blocks, first put forward in 2015/16, would take place as their condition is continuing to deteriorate. Councillor Martyn responded that this would be addressed in an options report that she would bring to Cabinet in the 2021/22 financial year.

Councillor Keith Williams, the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, welcomed how the Council owned-housing was ahead of the private sector in being improved to improve energy efficiency and reduce the carbon footprint.

Resolved: (1) That Council be recommended to approve the proposed average social rent for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) dwellings for 2021/22 of £82.55 per week (52 week basis), which is an increase of 1.5% (£1.22 per week per average dwelling). The range of increases is shown in paragraph 3.7.

(2) That the Director of Housing be authorised to seek authority from the Secretary of State to extend permission to continue providing a budget of £200k within the HRA for payments to Council's tenants under the Discretionary Housing Payments scheme in 2021/22 as detailed at paragraphs 3.22.

(3) That the housing related support charges for 2021/22 and service charges for 2021/22 as outlined in Appendix 2 be approved.

(4) That the leaseholder service charges for 2021/22 as shown in Appendix 3 be approved.

(5) That both the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) proposed budget 2021/22, set out in Appendix 4, and the HRA Capital Budget and Funding as set out in Appendix 5 be approved.

(6) That the draft 5 year capital projects and planned maintenance programme at an indicative funding level of £16.0m (2020/21 prices) for 2021/22 as shown in Appendix 5 be approved.

(7) That the revision to the budget for the two bungalow schemes in the New Development Programme of £800k included in Appendix 5 be approved, reflecting additional costs associated with our commitment to delivering low carbon energy efficient homes.

(8) That the Director of Housing be authorised to undertake a new acquisition programme and approves the acquisition programme budget of £8m for 2021/22 in accordance with

paragraph 3.18, to include the purchase of 1-4 bedroom properties to help meet priority housing needs arising from homelessness and clients supported by Adult Social Care.

(9) That the increase in rents charged on General Fund properties in line with the Government's Direction on the Rent Standard 2019 also applied to Housing Revenue Account rents be authorised. This allows for rent increases of up to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the September of the preceding financial year, plus 1%. Increases for 2021/22 will therefore be capped at 1.5%.

(10) That the service charges for General Fund properties for 2021/22, as shown in Appendix 6, be authorised.

(11) That the charges for Private Sector Leased (PSL) accommodation for those accepted as homeless to remain at the pre-Covid 2020/21 Local Housing Allowance rates as set out in Appendix 6 be authorised.

(12) That it be noted that any underspend or overspend on the 2020/21 Housing Revenue Account be managed through the general revenue reserves.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

48. Pay Policy Statement: April 2021 (Minute for Confirmation)

Councillor Robert Jandy, the Cabinet Member for Organisational Excellence along with the Director Human Resources & Organisational Development submitted a report as the Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to agree and publish a Pay Policy Statement by 1st April each year. The joint report sets out the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2021/2022 for consideration by Cabinet, prior to referral to Full Council for approval.

As Councillor Jandy was unable to be present, the Leader introduced the joint report and invited Members to note a slight reduction in the ratio of highest to lowest paid from 1:7 to 1:6.7. The Leader drew Members' attention to the fact that the increase in the number of officers paid over £50,000 was the consequence of a national pay-award benefiting existing staff, not the creation of new posts. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills advised Members to note that around two thirds of staff members were paid less than £30,000 per year, which may help to refute myths about salaries. The Deputy Leader also noted that some posts were highly specialised and hence needed appropriate pay levels to retain staff.

Resolved (1) That it is noted that Cabinet reviewed the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2021 / 2022, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report Clear statement of what is recommended and who is to be authorised to take the actions required and by when.
(Minute for Confirmation)

(2) That Cabinet recommends the Pay Policy Statement to the Council for approval, and, if approved, authorise the Director of Human Resources & Organisational Development to update the salary information on 1st April 2021 prior to publication.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

49. Introduction of a Permit Scheme for Roadworks

Councillor Maureen Penny, Cabinet Member for Highways, Maintenance, and Waste Services along with the Director of Strategic Development, submitted a joint report setting out details and the reasons for introduction of a street works permit scheme into Swindon to manage works on the highway network. Introduction of a permit scheme will contribute towards delivery of the Council Plan.

Councillor Penny advised Cabinet that the introduction of this scheme would give officers more authority to check and control road works on the Borough's network.

Councillors Emma Bushell and Vinay Manro asked a range of questions to which Councillor Penny and the Service Manager, Transport Planning, Development & Streetworks Management responded at the meeting.

- i. Why had the Council not introduced this sooner? The Council wished to learn from the experiences from other authorities. Additional work was needed to enhance the IT system to implement a permit scheme.
- ii. What mitigations or risks had other councils identified? None has been brought to the Council's attention requiring mitigation.
- iii. Does the Council have adequate, existing powers? Currently, the Council has fewer powers as it cannot issue permits. The new scheme would provide this as well as additional enforcement powers.
- iv. Have the software upgrade and ongoing licensing issues been taken into account? The Council has now moved on to the new software, which has the capability to manage a street works licence scheme.

Councillor Russell Holland, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education, and Skills invited the Cabinet Member and Officers to produce a suitable 'info-graphic' or equivalent to describe how the process would work.

Resolved: (1) That it be agreed in principle to the introduction of a Street Works Permit Scheme subject to consultation and to note the detail of the scheme be determined by the cabinet member for Highways, Maintenance and Waste Services
(2) That the Director of Strategic Development be authorised to proceed with a consultation, as prescribed under Regulations, to introduce a Street Works Permit Scheme into Swindon.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

(Councillor Brian Ford, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, left the meeting at the end of this item.)

50. School Admission Arrangements and Home to School Transport Policies 2022-23

Councillor Russell Holland, the Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills, along with the Commissioner Education Place Planning and Admissions, submitted a joint report. This sought Cabinet's agreement to put in place co-ordinated admission arrangements for the normal point of entry (Reception, Year 3, Year 7), In-year admission arrangements for all Swindon Schools, and the Admissions Policy and Published Admission Numbers (PAN) and Catchment Areas for

Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Swindon for September 2022. The report also sought Cabinet's agreement on the Mainstream Home to School Transport Policy for 2022-23.

Councillor Holland tabled the joint report and thanked Officers for their work in producing the arrangements, which enabled so many children to receive a place at one of their preferred schools.

Resolved: (1) That the co-ordinated scheme of admission arrangements for the normal point of entry (Reception Year, Year 3 and Year 7) for all primary schools and secondary schools in Swindon from September 2022 (attached at Appendix 1) be approved;
(2) That the co-ordinated In Year admission arrangements for all primary schools and secondary schools in Swindon from September 2022 (attached at Appendix 4) be approved;
(3) That the admission numbers and arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools from September 2022 (attached at Appendix 2) be approved;
(4) That the Mainstream Home to School Transport Policy 2022-23 (attached at Appendix 5) be approved.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

51. Carbon Reduction Strategy

Councillor Keith Williams, the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, along with the Director of Economy, Growth and Place, submitted a joint report seeking Cabinet's approval of the final Carbon Reduction Strategy

Councillor Williams introduced the joint report and drew Members' attention to the global impact of the climate crisis, hence the need for all to act. He advised Members about the challenge to make both the Council and the whole Borough carbon neutral; however, Swindon was already producing the power necessary for every domestic property in a sustainable manner within the Borough boundaries. The investment at Waterside had also reduced landfill, which had reduced methane emissions – a more potent 'greenhouse' gas than carbon dioxide.

Councillors Emma Bushell, Jim Grant and Jane Milner-Barry asked a number of questions to which Councillor Williams and the Leader responded at the meeting.

- i. Why was the Buildings, Industry, Economy and Planning sub-group disbanded?
There was an issue about how to maintain cross-party working if one of the parties is being openly critical. However, the aim is for this to transcend party politics.
There were further issues about the large size of the sub-group.
- ii. How can the Council retain the specialist knowledge that was making a contribution through the sub-group? The Cabinet Member has sought to contact them and make them aware of how to engage with the new structure. The new structure will include members of the public and there will be cross-party membership and no councillors will be excluded.
- iii. Will the consultation replies be made public? Officers will make them available to Members.
- iv. Will the government's new target be included in the strategy? Achieving this target

- is likely to be dependent on additional funding from government.
- v. Will the new CMAG have representatives from both Public Health and PPS? Yes
- vi. What training have senior officers received? There will be discussions with the Cabinet Member for Organisational Excellence and the Director of Human Resources and Learning and Development about how to implement this.
- vii. Can there be some clarity about the terms CMAGs, cross-party, and working groups. The Leader agreed that Committee Services would provide some information and he would be willing to discuss the matter further.

Resolved: That content of the final Carbon Reduction Strategy as summarised in the body of the report and attached at Appendix 1 be approved.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

Councillor Williams and the Leader thanked the Director of Economy, Growth, and Place, who was leaving the Council for a new appointment with another local authority.

52. Apprenticeships

Councillor Russell Holland, the Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills, along with the Head of Skills and Education Partnerships, submitted a joint report setting out the role that Apprenticeships play in the Inclusion Early Years, Education and Skills Strategy to provide an alternative pathway to skills, qualifications and career progression for Employers and Swindon's residents. The report provides an overview of the work overseen by the Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to identify the key opportunities and challenges to increase Apprenticeship numbers and to set out the key recommended activity to achieve an increase in Apprenticeships offered and taken up in Swindon.

Councillor Holland introduced the joint report and offered it as a model of how Overview and Scrutiny Committees could contribute towards policy formation. The Cabinet Member also drew Members' attention to National Apprentice week – 8th to 14th February 2021.

The Leader invited Councillor Kevin Parry, Chair of the Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Barbara Parry, Chair of the Children's Health, Social Care and Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee to address the meeting. The Councillors Parry drew members to their own vocational qualifications, the positive role apprenticeships were playing to support business and innovation, the need to ensure that apprenticeships are valued as highly as degrees – especially as apprenticeships may lead to higher qualifications without the financial burden of a degree course – and the desire to support and encourage more Swindon firms to take on apprentices.

Resolved: (1) That the recommendation that Apprenticeships specifically and vocational and technical pathways more broadly are firmly positioned in the Inclusion, Early Years, Education and Skills Strategy as a clear alternative to academic pathways to enable young people and residents to gain the skills and qualifications to achieve their potential in education, employment and training be approved.
(2) That the priority activity to increase the number of Apprenticeships outlined in the

paper and in the Apprenticeship Action Plan (attached at Appendix One) be approved.

(3) That the progress that has been made by the work of the Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, led by Councillors Kevin and Barbara Parry, be acknowledged and that they be thanked for their significant contribution.

(4) That the Head of Skills and Education Partnerships in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills be authorised to implement the measures set out in the joint report.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

(Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre, Culture, and Heritage, returned during this item to participate fully in the remainder of the meeting.)

53. Proposed Transfer of land for Residential Development Proposal

Councillor Russell Holland, the Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills, along with the Director of Housing presented a joint report to transfer property to the Swindon Housing Company.

The Leader invited Members to agree that Appendix Two be treated as an exempt item and, should Members wish to refer to it, he had been advised that the meeting would have to resolve to exclude the press and public. Councillor Holland introduced the joint report and requested that the document be corrected to show that the proposal affects the Penhill and Upper Stratton ward rather than St Margaret and South Marston. Councillor Holland pointed out how the proposal would preserve an historical building albeit at a lower return to the Council.

Resolved: (1) That Appendix Two to the report be treated as an exempt item as it contained commercially sensitive information under Paragraph 3, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

(2) That the Head of Property Assets in consultation with the Director of Housing be authorised to dispose of the freehold of the land at Clays Close, Swindon shown edged red on the plan attached as Appendix 1 ('the Site') to Swindon Housing Company Ltd at a value of 75,000. This disposal to be on such detailed terms and conditions as are determined by the Head of Property Assets in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer and as are considered necessary in order to protect the Council's interests.

(3) That it be agreed to a disposal at an undervalue of between £325k and £375k in order to secure wider benefits of retaining the Victorian building.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

(Councillor Gary Sumner, Cabinet Member for Strategic Infrastructure, Transport and Planning made a personal and prejudicial declaration of interest as a Director of the Swindon Housing Company and left the meeting at before the start of this item.)

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2021

PRESENT:- Councillors David Renard (Chair), Brian Ford, Dale Heenan, Russell Holland, Robert Jandy, Mary Martin, Cathy Martyn, Maureen Penny, Gary Sumner and Keith Williams

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors

Councillors attended the meeting in respect of Minute

54. Declarations of Interest.

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No Member made a declaration.

55. Minutes.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

56. Public Question Time.

Mr Daniel Adams submitted a question to Councillor Dale Heenan, the Cabinet Member for the Town Centre, Culture and Heritage regarding the Mechanics, to which a written response was provided. Mr Adams will not be able to attend the meeting to ask a supplementary question.

Mr Lawrence Elliott submitted a question to Councillor Dale Heenan, the Cabinet Member for the Town Centre, Culture and Heritage regarding Lawns Wood, to which a written response was provided.

57. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public.

Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the item listed below, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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58. Budget Management (March)

Councillor Russell Holland, the Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills along with the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets submitted a joint report that presented the 2020/21 revenue budget forecast out-turn.

Councillor Holland introduced the joint report, thanking Officers for their efforts to deliver a budget without an overspend while acknowledging the support from central government in response to Covid-19 to compensate for lost income and higher expenditure.

Councillor Grant asked a number of questions about the cost of the Council Tax booklet and distribution of information about the local elections and the choice of advertising channels. The Leader confirmed that the cost was 14p per booklet and undertook to provide the full cost. The Returning Officer responded to the questions about the local elections; however, as the decisions of the Returning Officer are not a matter for the executive, the Leader closed discussion on this topic.

Councillor Williams drew Members' attention to the success officers had achieved in managing the two demand-led budgets – Children's Services and Adult Social Care.

Resolved: That the 2020/21 revenue budget forecast out-turn for each service area set out in Table 1 and Appendix 1 be noted.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

59. Capital Programme Update 3rd Quarter

Councillor Russell Holland, the Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills along with the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets submitted a joint report that presented the year-end monitoring position for the Council's capital programme and some proposed changes to the programme.

Councillor Holland introduced the joint report as tabled and invited Members to comment as appropriate.

Resolved: (1) That the 2020/21 year end projected out-turn position as set out in Tables 1 & 2 and Appendices 1 and 2 be noted;
(2) That the amendments following to the current approved capital programme budgets as detailed at paragraph 3.2 of the joint report be approved:
(a) To reduce the IT infrastructure budget (line 7) budget by £29k to reflect revised cost of the project;
(b) To reduce the William Morris Primary School budget (line 36) budget by £400k to reflect revised cost of the project;
(c) To reduce the Regulatory & Statutory Services Case Management System budget (line 167) budget by £3k to reflect revised cost of the project;
(d) To note that Mead Way (line 163) is currently forecasting an overspend of £475k,

and that officers are in contractual negotiations as well as reviewing other budgets to mitigate this position; and

(e) To remove the £3.5m capital contingency fund budget (line 3).

(3) That the following addition to the programme detailed at paragraph 3.4 be approved and it be noted that this further update to the Capital Programme can be accommodated within the approved capital financing revenue budget and prudential indicators as set out in the 2020/21 Budget approved by Council.

(a) That £585k of grant funding be allocated to improve cycling provision in the town centre and Old Town.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

60.

Swindon Road Safety Strategy

Councillor Maureen Penny, Cabinet Member for Highways, Maintenance, and Waste Services and Councillor Gary Sumner, Cabinet Member for Strategic Initiatives, Transport and Planning along with Director of Strategic Development and Growth submitted a joint report. The report set out the recommended draft interim Swindon Road Safety Strategy 2021 for consideration by Cabinet along with proposals to carry out a consultation exercise on this revised approach to road safety.

Councillor Penny introduced the joint report, which was setting out a clear process by which Ward Members could submit requests for schemes. Councillor Sumner seconded the report. Councillor Ford asked Cabinet colleagues to consider cycle and pedestrian links from outlying areas as the strategy was developed. Councillor Grant asked about the process for requesting a safety zone, in particular how such bids would be weighted by local demand or by accident data. Councillor Penny replied that both were necessary to help form a priority list as any scheme was dependent on the funding available.

Resolved: (1) That the direction of travel towards adoption of a 'Safe Systems' approach for Swindon's Road Safety Strategy be approved.

(2) That for consultation purposes the draft Swindon Road Safety Strategy as set out in Appendix 2 and policy regarding 20mph limits and zones in Appendix 4 be approved.

(3) That the Director for Strategic Development and Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Infrastructure, Transport & Planning and the Cabinet Member for Highways, Maintenance & Waste Services be authorised to

(a) Commence a public consultation on the draft Swindon Road Safety Strategy and draft 20mph schemes policy.

(b) Consult with the Community Safety Partnership Board on the draft strategy.

(c) Report back to Cabinet on a proposed final document having taken into account feedback from the public consultation.

(d) Enter into discussions with partners in the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership to develop the Safe Systems approach across the partnership.

(4) That it be noted that this report addresses Council's concerns as set out in motion recorded at Minute 54, 19th November 2020, regarding the policy towards future consideration of requests for 20mph speed limits raised by Ward Councillors.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to

the meeting.

61. SEND Home to School Transport Policy 2022/23

Councillor Mary Martin, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, and the Head of Statutory SEND submitted a joint report to inform Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation and seek agreement to approve the Special Educational Needs and Disability Home to School Transport Policy for 2022-23.

Councillor Martin introduced the joint report and informed Members the draft policy had changed as a consequence of views in the consultation. In particular, the new policy would permit qualified, competent assistants to administer necessary, appropriate medication to children when they were on one of the transport services.

Resolved: (1) That the responses to the consultation as set out at Appendix One as well as the proposed changes to the policy in consequence of this to provide more information around extended rights and eligibility for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability who are in a low income group be considered and noted.

(2) That the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Home to School Transport Policy for all applicants for 2022-23 summarised in the report and attached at Appendix Two be approved.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

62. Corn Exchange: Identification of Future Options

Councillor Dale Heenan, the Cabinet Member for the Town Centre, Culture, and Heritage; Councillor Gary Sumner, the Cabinet Member for Strategic Infrastructure, Transport and Planning; the Chief Executive and the Head of Property Assets submitted a joint report.

Councillor Heenan introduced the report, which set out the options that the Council could deploy to assist in securing the restoration of the Corn Exchange in the event that a suitable and relevant planning application had not been submitted by its private owner by summer 2021. He also advised Members that the report has been prepared in response to the Council motion (Council Minute 73, 21st January 2021 refers). Councillor Sumner seconded the report and emphasised how it set out a way forward for the site.

Councillor Jane Milner-Barry asked a number of questions concerning the preparation of the conditions report, the confidence in the current owner to submit an application, and the feasibility of using compulsory purchase. Councillor Heenan confirmed the private owner was responsible for the conditions survey and, while pre-application negotiations were confidential, he re-stated that the report confirmed how the Council would proceed.

Resolved: That the options available to the Council to assist in securing the restoration of the Corn Exchange in the event that inadequate progress has been made to submit a suitable and relevant full planning application by summer 2021 be noted; however, no formal decision was required at this time.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

63.

Disposal of Town Centre site

The Leader of the Council and Councillor Russell Holland, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills along with the Chief Executive and the Head of Property Assets submitted a joint report. The report set out the proposal to grant an agreement for the disposal by way of a long lease of the site identified in the plan attached as Appendix 1 to the main report to the party which then intends to carry out the proposed development as set out in the main body of the report.

The Leader of the Council introduced the joint report and confirmed that the financial institution named in the papers had confirmed its intent to proceed. Councillor Holland added that this investment was the consequence of the Administration's policies for the town centre.

Resolved: That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Head of Property Assets be authorised to grant an option for the disposal of the Site on a long lease, to the party identified in the main body of the report to allow them to carry out the proposed development as also set out in the main body of the report. The long lease will be on such terms and conditions as are determined by the Head of Property Assets in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer and as are considered necessary in order to protect the Council's interests.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills
Subject:	Council Tax Collection Fund Balance and Taxbase
Decision(s):	<p>Agreed: (1) that the Council's share of the estimated deficit on the council tax element of the Collection Fund as at 31st March 2021 is £778k and</p> <p>(2) That it is noted the Council Tax Base for 2021/22 will be 76,260.3.</p>
Consultation:	<p>All Opposition and Minority Group Spokespersons and Ward Members (where appropriate) have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are set out below and in the Cabinet Member Decision Note.</p> <p>Cllr Kevin Small (Opposition Group) – No response received</p> <p>Cllr Oliver Donachie – ‘The cyclical nature of the recommendations makes this document impossible to provide any meaningful input to. The document seeks confirmation that the Cabinet member “Agrees that the Council’s share of the estimated deficit on the council tax element of the Collection Fund as at 31st March 2021 is £778k” . There is no evidence to show this calculation is accurate but seems to be a forecast and not a factual statement, therefore, if the Cabinet member wishes to accept this on face value the risk of doing so sits solely with him as per his primary role function to “Ensure the Council achieves Financial Sustainability.” I wish him the best of luck with this matter.’</p> <p>Cllr Stan Pajak – No response received.</p>
Date of Publication:	12 January 2021
Date for receipt of requests for call-in:	16:00, 21 January 2021

For more details on the subject of the Decision or for a copy of the Decision Note please contact:

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Internet (Members and Public): [here](#)

Intranet: [here](#)

Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Education and Skills
Subject:	Covid-19 HQ Theatre Response
Decision(s):	Agreed: That the Director of Strategic Development is authorised to approve, and the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets, to provide, monthly contractual payments to Wyvern Theatre Ltd for the 2020/21 financial year as per the current contract along with retaining and planning to re-open the Wyvern and Arts Centre detail, as set out in Option 1 in the body of the report.
Consultation:	<p>All Opposition and Minority Group Spokespersons and Ward Members (where appropriate) have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are set out below and in the Cabinet Member Decision Note.</p> <p>Councillor Wright: 'I support option 1. Whilst I acknowledge the aspirations outlined in 3.9 I do not think they are relevant to the current crisis and need. I will be pleased to see the Wyvern reopened and wait and see if the Cultural Quarter becomes a reality. It has already been moved once, who knows what the future will deliver.'</p> <p>Cllr Pajak, Cllr Donachie, Cllr Ali, Cllr A Shaikh, Cllr Dixon, and Cllr I Shaikh did not comment.</p>
Date of Publication:	03 February 2021
Date for receipt of requests for call-in:	16:00, 11 February 2021

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Cabinet Member for the Town Centre, Culture and Heritage
Subject:	Moredon Recreation Sports Ground, Swindon, Development Progress, Revisions and Construction Contract Awards
Decision(s):	<p><u>Agreed:</u> (1) That the Director of Strategic Development is authorised to progress the development of the Moredon Recreation Sports Ground with phasing of construction and the anticipated revised project timelines set out within Appendix 1.</p> <p>(2) That the Head of Property Assets, in agreement with the Chief Legal Officer, is authorised to apply for and accept revisions to the grant awards secured from both the Football Foundation and Sports England on behalf of British Cycling for the development of facilities at the Moredon Recreation Sports Ground on such terms as are necessary in order to protect the Council's interests.</p> <p>(3) That the Director of Strategic Development, in agreement with the Chief Legal Officer, is authorised to complete the contract award legal documentation for the Moredon Recreation Sports Ground on such terms as are necessary in order to protect the Council's interests for the:</p> <p>(a) Construction of the full size 3G artificial grass football pitch; and</p> <p>(b) Refurbishment / replacement of the changing facilities.</p> <p>(4) That the Head of Property Assets, as anticipated by the planning permission S/18/1394/TB granted for the development of the Moredon Recreation Sports Ground to enable the scheme to proceed, is authorised to:</p> <p>(a) Apply for an order under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert the public right of way known as footpath number CN18; and</p> <p>(b) Carry out such works on the alternative route of the footpath as may be required to bring it into a fit condition for public use;</p> <p>(5) That the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets is authorised to allocate the Youth Centre Contribution of £250K from the PFI Project Agreement dated 1 April 2005 to support the provision of youth facilities within the proposed pavilion / changing rooms at the Moredon Recreation Sports Ground.</p> <p>(6) That the Head of Property Assets is authorised to apply</p>

	for a further planning application and discharge of planning conditions for the proposed phasing of the development and for the revised layout of the cycling track and relocated pavilion / changing rooms at the Moredon Recreation Sports Ground.
Consultation:	<p>All Opposition and Minority Group Spokespersons and Ward Members (where appropriate) have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are set out below and in the Cabinet Member Decision Note.</p> <p>Councillor Grant - Am happy to support. Councillor Watts - I have no adverse comments to make on the report. Councillor Pajak - I am supportive of the changes that have been forced upon us and pleased that despite the crisis we are amid the scheme can go ahead. Councillor Donachie – No comment received</p>
Date of Publication:	04 February 2021
Date for receipt of requests for call-in:	16:00, 11 February 2021

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Leader of the Council
Subject:	COVID-19 Recovery - Local Restrictions Support Grants (Discretionary Scheme for Taxi Driver Sole Traders)
Decision(s):	<p><u>Agreed:</u> That the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets be authorised to:</p> <p>(a) Adopt and publicise the Swindon Taxi Driver Sole Trader scheme as set out in the Detail of this report.</p> <p>(b) Assess applications against the eligibility criteria and where discretion is allowed, to determine the amount of grant awarded to each applicant based on the criteria to ensure that the total paid by the Council does not exceed the total grant allocated by the Government.</p> <p>(c) Pay the grants up to the amount awarded by the Government.</p>
Consultation:	<p>All Opposition and Minority Group Spokespersons and Ward Members (where appropriate) have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are set out below and in the Cabinet Member Decision Note.</p> <p>Councillor Pajak - Happy to support the recommendation as long as suitability for the discretionary grant is able to be carried out.</p> <p>Councillor Crilly – Yes I fully support a discretionary Coronavirus business grant for Taxi Driver Sole Traders. Please can you let me know when this will be available for applicants.</p> <p>Councillor Ali – I am happy to support this decision.</p> <p>Councillor Donachie – Julia I have read the report and I do not object to the principle. However I am concerned about two areas: The opportunity for fraud, although the report speaks to mitigation which I accept the opportunity for abuse is fairly stark.</p> <p>And of more importance, this raises a fair question amongst the business community of “why them and not us” in regards to perceived preferential treatment which I would personally like to see the report address.</p>
Date of Publication:	17 February 2021
Date for receipt of requests for call-in:	16:00, 25 February 2021

Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety
Subject:	Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP)
Decision(s):	<p><u>Agreed</u>: That the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance and Assets and the Chief Legal Officer, is authorised to:</p> <p>(a) Enter into the legal agreement with Homes England to secure the NSAP funding from that body and</p> <p>(b) Use £450,000 of unallocated s106 developer affordable housing contributions(in conjunction with the Homes England NSAP funding) to enter into the property purchase and other necessary agreements (such agreements to be reviewed by the Chief Legal Officer) for the purpose of delivering affordable housing through the NSAP programme, within identified budgets, for the work referenced in this report.</p>
Consultation:	<p>All Opposition and Minority Group Spokespersons and Ward Members (where appropriate) have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are set out below and in the Cabinet Member Decision Note.</p> <p>Councillor Paul Dixon, Opposition (Labour) Group, – I am happy to support this proposal, it is a positive use of the funding.</p> <p>Councillor Stan Pajak, Minority (Liberal Democrat) Group - Very happy to support this initiative which has come at a very opportune time</p> <p>Councillor Oliver Donachie, Minority (Independent Tories) Group - I understand the logic and opportunity behind this proposal and support it.</p>
Date of Publication:	24 February 2021
Date for receipt of requests for call-in:	16:00, 4 March 2021

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consideration (if any) are also recorded in the Cabinet Member Decision Notice. The Decision Note is available on the Council's website in the Cabinet Forward Plan for the call-in period [\(please click here\)](#).

Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Subject:	Aiming High Short Breaks Service Review
Decision(s):	<u>Agreed</u> : That the Cabinet Member for Children's Services authorise the Corporate Director of Children's Services to undertake a review of the Aiming High Short Breaks service during early 2021, in co-production with families of disabled children and young people. This will include a public consultation on the proposals identified during the co-production process. The findings from the service review will be presented to Cabinet as soon as practicable following the public consultation, alongside an updated Short Breaks Statement, to be implemented in 2021/22.
Consultation:	<p>All Opposition and Minority Group Spokespersons and Ward Members (where appropriate) have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are set out below and in the Cabinet Member Decision Note.</p> <p>Councillor Stan Pajak – Very happy to support the proposal Councillor Oliver Donachie – No Comment received Councillor Carol Shelley – No Comment received</p>
Date of Publication:	25 February 2021
Date for receipt of requests for call-in:	16:00, 11 March 2021

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