

## COUNCIL

A meeting of Council will be held at Council Chamber, Fenland Hall, County Road, March on THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022 at 4.00 PM and I request you to attend accordingly for transaction of the following business:

Whilst this meeting will be held in public, we encourage members of the public to view the meeting via our YouTube channel due to the Council still observing some Covid-19 restrictions.

The YouTube link for this meeting is

- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Previous Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)  
To confirm and sign the minutes of 8 December 2021.
- 3 Civic Engagements Update. (Pages 13 - 14)  
For information only
- 4 To receive any announcements from the Chairman of the Council and/or the Head of Paid Service.
- 5 To receive members' declaration of any interests under the Local Code of Conduct or any interest under the Code of Conduct on Planning Matters in respect of any item to be discussed at the meeting.
- 6 To receive questions from, and provide answers to, councillors in relation to matters which, in the opinion of the Chairman, accord with the provisions of Procedure Rules 8.4 and 8.6.
- 7 To receive reports from and ask questions of Cabinet members with portfolio holder responsibilities, in accordance with Procedure Rules 8.1 and 8.2. (Pages 15 - 62)
- 8 Final Business Plan 2022-23 (Pages 63 - 80)  
For Council to consider and approve the Final Business Plan for 2022 - 2023.
- 9 General Fund Budget Estimates 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2022/23 to 2026/27; Capital Programme 2022 - 2025 (Pages 81 - 150)

To consider the Cabinet recommendations in relation to:

- The General Fund Budget Estimates 2022/23 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27;
- The Council Tax levels for 2022/2023;
- The Capital Programme 2022/2025;
- The Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Capital Strategy and Annual Treasury Investment Strategy for 2022/23.

10 Council Tax Resolution (Pages 151 - 154)

For Council to consider the Council Tax Resolution for 2022/23.

11 Council Tax Support Scheme (Pages 155 - 180)

For Council to consider the Cabinet recommendations in relation to the Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme to take effect from 1 April 2022.

12 Economic Growth Strategic Refresh 2022-25 (Pages 181 - 224)

For Council to consider and approve the Economic Growth Strategic Refresh 2022-25.

13 Future Arrangements for Appointing the Council's External Auditors (Pages 225 - 232)

To consider the options available to the Council regarding the future appointment of an External Auditor for 2023/24 to 2027/28 following the end of the current appointment period.

14 Change to Constitution and Committee Membership (Pages 233 - 236)

To provide members with an update on the changes that have been made to the Constitution and Outside Body appointments since its last meeting.

15 Senior Manager Pay Policy Statement (Pages 237 - 248)

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Senior Manager Pay Policy Statement for 2021-2022.

Wednesday, 16 February 2022

**NOTE** The Council may, by resolution, as exemplified below, exclude the public from a meeting during the consideration of any item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Section 100 I of the Local Government Act, 1972

"Resolved that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for Item No./Minute No. on the grounds that the item involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act"