

<b>COUNCIL</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
<b>27 January 2021</b>	PUBLIC REPORT

## **RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

### **1. CABINET MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2021**

#### **i. Council Taxbase 2021/22 and Collection Fund Declaration 2020/21**

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Propose the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2021/22 set at a level of 59,714.72 Band D equivalent properties based on the existing council tax support scheme updated to 33%;
2. To note the estimated position on the Collection Fund in respect of Council Tax as at 31 March 2021 being:  
  
£1.413m Deficit
3. To note these estimated positions with the Corporate Director Resources reserving the right to amend the final estimated position on the Collection Fund balance as at 31 March 2021 in accordance with the statutory Determination legislation and timescales.
4. To note the estimated position on the Collection Fund in respect of Business Rates as at 31 March 2021 being £45,501,560.

#### **ii. Budget Control Report November 2020**

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note:

1. The Budgetary Control position for 2020/21 as at 30 November 2020 is a forecast overspend of £4.8m against budget. This includes the current estimated impact C-19 and the additional C-19 response funding.
2. Included in this report is a forecast £39.3m of additional pressure due to C-19, as reported to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government, within the November return, as outlined in section 4.
3. The reduction in collection rates in respect of Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates, in comparison to the levels achieved in 2019/20, as outlined in section 4;
4. The additional funding that has been made available and allocated to the business community due to C-19, as outlined in section 4;
5. The key variance analysis and explanations are contained in Appendix A;
6. The Council's reserves position, as outlined within Appendix A.

### **2. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Since the publication of the previous report to Council, the call-in mechanism has not been invoked.

### **3. SPECIAL URGENCY AND WAIVER OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS**

Since the publication of the previous report to Council the urgency, special urgency and/or waiver of call-in provisions have not been invoked as follows:

Winter Grant Scheme - Allocation Of Funding / Engagement Of A Voucher Supplier - DEC20/CMDN/52

With the approval of the Mayor and the Chair of the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee (in the absence of the Chair of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee), the urgency and special urgency procedures have been invoked to suspend the requirement to publish the decision on the forward plan for 28 days and the requirement to publish for a 5-day consideration period. The waiver of call-in procedure has also been invoked. These procedures have been invoked following the successful campaign by Marcus Rashford (the Manchester United striker). The government has now decided to provide support for families in need during the holiday period. The Winter Grant scheme was announced at the start of November and detailed guidance was received on the 24th November. The Local Authority has had to work quickly to develop a solution and the CMDN needs publishing urgently to complete the procurement to ensure families get vouchers / support before the end of term (18th December).

Extended Support to Businesses as a Result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus - Additional Restrictions Grant (open) - DEC20/CMDN/53

With the approval of the Chairman of Growth, Environment, and Resources Committee, the urgency procedure, special urgency procedure, and waiver of call-in procedure have been invoked to suspend the requirement to publish notice of the decision for 28 days, to suspend the requirement to publish the decision for five days, and to subject the decision to a three day call-in period. These procedures have been invoked due to the nature of the scheme, the receipt of final guidance for its delivery, and the importance of it getting to its intended recipients as quickly as possible who are in financial difficulty due to COVID-19.

Extended Support to Businesses as a Result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus - Additional Restriction Grant (open) - JAN21/CMDN/63

With the approval of the Chairman of Growth, Environment, and Resources Committee, the urgency procedure, special urgency procedure, and waiver of call-in procedure have been invoked to suspend the requirement to publish notice of the decision for 28 days, to suspend the requirement to publish the decision for five days, and to subject the decision to a three day call-in period. These procedures have been invoked due to the nature of the scheme, the receipt of final guidance for its delivery, and the importance of it getting to its intended recipients as quickly as possible who are in financial difficulty due to COVID-19.

COVID 19 Advice, Guidance and Support Grant Funding - JAN21/CMDN/64

With the approval of the Chair of the Growth, Environment and Resource Scrutiny waiver of call-in procedure has been invoked. This procedure has been invoked following the urgency required in providing services to vulnerable residents dealing with the impact of Covid 19.

**4. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

<b>CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>
Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University  Councillor Ayres  04/12/2020	DEC20/CMDN/52	<p><u>Winter Grant Scheme - Allocation Of Funding / Engagement Of A Voucher Supplier</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University and the Cabinet Member for Communities are recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree the contract exemption is approved for the sum of £532,710 due to the short turn around and need to deliver critical support to</li> </ol>

		<p>vulnerable groups over the winter period, to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 through a voucher distribution scheme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Agree to the proposed approach to the distribution and criteria to award the vouchers as outlined in this report.</li> <li>3. Agree to enter into a contract with Wonde (Furlong House, 2 Kings Court, Newmarket, CB8 7SG) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 for a value of £532,710.</li> <li>4. Agree the allocation of the remaining funding to support families in Peterborough via our City Hub arrangements.</li> <li>5. Delegate authority to the Executive Director: People and Communities to effect the matters referred to above.</li> </ol>
<p>Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Councillor Seaton</p> <p>04/12/2020</p>	DEC20/CMDN/53	<p><u>Extended Support to Businesses as a Result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus - Additional Restrictions Grant (open)</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the additional payment of grants as requested by government and as set out by the full guidance provided by government departments including the additional categories as referred to in paragraphs 7.4 to 7.5 under the councils discretionary powers;</li> <li>2. Instructed officers to ensure that the payments are processed in accordance with the agreed schemes for the qualifying properties and rebilling takes place at the earliest opportunity and that any further categories as advised by government to be included within the scheme are also processed at the earliest opportunity;</li> </ol>
<p>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p> <p>Councillor Hiller</p> <p>09/12/2020</p>	DEC20/CMDN/54	<p><u>Additional Highway Maintenance Funding</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member authorised the issue of a work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited (“Skanska”) using the Council’s existing Peterborough Highway Term Service Contract (the “Contract”) to undertake a programme of resurfacing and repair works at locations across the authority area. The total value of the work package will be up to £2.352m.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p> <p>Councillor Hiller</p>	DEC20/CMDN/56	<p><u>Protection of land at Tenter Hill Meadow, Stanground, Peterborough</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved a long lease to Nene Park Trust of Tenter Hill Meadow, Stanground for a term of 999 years, to protect it for the residents of Peterborough in perpetuity.</p>

16/12/2020		
Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Recreation  Councillor Allen	DEC20/CMDN/57	<u>Compensation Relating to Delays with a Legacy Housing Lease</u>  The Cabinet Member approved £6,000 compensation to be paid to the Landlords to compensate for the delays in agreeing the lease for the property to be used as temporary accommodation.
18/12/2020		
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health & Public Health  Councillor Fitzgerald	DEC20/CMDN/58	<u>Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) - extension of contract and extension of s75 agreement</u>  The Cabinet Member:  1. Agreed ICES Contract Extension with the supplier NRS Healthcare for the contract period between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 at a total value for £1,179,286.00.  2. Agreed to extend ICES Section 75 Agreement between the Council and the CCG until 31 March 2022.
23/12/2020		
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health & Public Health  Councillor Fitzgerald	DEC20/CMDN/59	<u>To approve the awarding of a care contract for Bishopsfield and St Edmunds extra care schemes</u>  The Cabinet Member authorised the award of contract to Longhurst Group for the delivery of care and support in two extra care schemes, Bishopsfield in Walton and St Edmunds Court in Hampton. This contract will be for a period of 3 years, with an optional one year extension.  The contract will start from 1 March 2021 to 29 February 2024 with an optional extension of 12 months. The annual contract value for the fixed elements of the service (i.e. waking nights and floating support/activities) will be £205,787. The contract value for the assessed care hours is subject to fluctuation as it is dependent upon the care needs of people living in the schemes – in October 2020, the annualised amount for this aspect of the contract was £520,916.
24/12/2020		
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health & Public Health  Councillor Fitzgerald	JAN21/CMDN/60	<u>Dementia Resource Centre Services in Peterborough</u>  The Cabinet Member authorised the award of contract to the Alzheimer's Society for the delivery of Peterborough's Dementia Resource Centre, due to commence on 1 April 2021. This contract will be for a period of 2 years, with 2 optional 1 year extension periods.  The contract price shall be £558,000, for the 2 year contract period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023, and the cost of each year of extension shall be £279,000.
06/01/2021		
Cabinet Member for Finance	JAN21/CMDN/61	<u>Housing Related Support Grant Agreements 2021/2022</u>  The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

<p>Councillor Seaton</p> <p>07/01/2021</p>		<p>1. Award specific grants for Housing Related Support, which will be funded through the Housing Related Support Programme (formerly Supporting People Programme), to the following organisations for the period of 12 months, 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longhurst Group (formerly Axiom Housing Association) – Hostel Accommodation and Drop-in Services - £530,000.04;</li> <li>• Cross Keys Homes – Hostel Accommodation - £99,109.08;</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough YMCA – Hostel Accommodation - £250,059.48;</li> <li>• Peterborough Women’s Aid – Refuge Service - £60,205.68;</li> <li>• Futures Housing Group – Hostel Accommodation - £58,066.56</li> <li>• Home Group – Hostel Accommodation - £73,375.20</li> </ul>
<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health &amp; Public Health</p> <p>Councillor Fitzgerald</p> <p>07/01/2021</p>	<p>JAN21/CMDN/62</p>	<p><u>Mental Health and Autism (Adults) Accommodation Framework</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved the Council’s call-off requirement from the Framework Agreement for provision of Adult Mental Health and Autism Supported Living and Residential Accommodation, as required, between the date this CMDN becomes effective and 30 June 2025. The total value of call-off contracts during the life of this framework is estimated to be a total of £4,269,220.00.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Councillor Seaton</p> <p>12/01/2021</p>	<p>JAN21/CMDN/63</p>	<p><u>Extended Support to Businesses as a Result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus - Additional Restriction Grant (open)</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <p>Approved the updates to the Additional Restriction Grant first approved on the 4th December 2020 to allow easier application and processing under the councils discretionary powers;</p> <p>Instructed officers to ensure that the payments are processed in accordance with the agreed schemes for the qualifying properties and rebilling takes place at the earliest opportunity and that any further categories as advised by government to be included within the scheme are also processed at the earliest opportunity;</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Councillor Seaton</p> <p>14/01/2021</p>	<p>JAN21/CMDN/64</p>	<p><u>COVID 19 Advice, Guidance and Support Grant Funding</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved the award of grant funding to the following organisations for the period of 12 months, up to 31 March 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Citizens Advice Peterborough - £294,790.68</li> </ol>

		<p>2. Kingsgate Community Church (Care Zone) - £95,771.40</p> <p>3. Cambridgeshire Community Foundation - £20,000</p> <p>4. Peterborough Council of Voluntary services - £53,000</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Recreation</p> <p>Councillor Allen</p> <p>14/01/2021</p>	JAN20/CMDN/65	<p><u>Adoption of Housing Related Support Commissioning Strategy</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved and adopted the new Housing Related Support Strategy.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Councillor Seaton</p> <p>15/01/2021</p>	JAN21/CMDN/66	<p><u>Uncollectable Debts in Excess of £10,000</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member authorised the write off of the debt shown as outstanding in respect of accounts receivable (sundry debt) accounts included in the Appendices. These detail the financial year and the category for the write off request.</p>
<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health &amp; Public Health</p> <p>Councillor Fitzgerald</p> <p>19/01/2021</p>	JAN21/CMDN/69	<p><u>Affordable Warmth Strategy 2021 - 2025 &amp; the Housing Renewals Policy 2021 – 2024</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Affordable Warmth Strategy 2021 - 2025</li> <li>2. Approved the Housing Renewals Policy 2021 - 2024</li> </ol>
<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health &amp; Public Health</p> <p>Councillor Fitzgerald</p> <p>19/01/2021</p>	JAN21/CMDN/70	<p><u>To Support the Sustainability of the Adult Social Care Market</u></p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved an additional expenditure to the Adult Social Care market providers in 2020/21 to help with service sustainability.</li> <li>2. Delegated the implementation of service sustainability payments to the Corporate Director, People and Communities</li> </ol>