

Date: 14 February 2022

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Cabinet Agenda - 22 February 2022**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Cabinet will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 22 February 2022 in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith.

**Please note: if you would like to attend this meeting, we request that you contact Democratic Services to let us know. Contact details are below\*. We would also request that wherever possible, those attending continue to wear face coverings and practice hand sanitising measures. This is due to ongoing concerns in relation to the Covid pandemic.**

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

### **2 Minutes**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes CAB/79/01/22 to CAB/88/01/22 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18 January 2022 be confirmed and approved by the Chairman as a correct record of those proceedings (copies previously circulated).

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of the existence and nature of any private interests, both disclosable pecuniary and any other registrable interests, in any matter to be considered or being considered.

### **4 Questions and Representations from the Public**

To receive questions and representations from the public under Rules 3 and 4 of the Executive Procedure Rules of the Constitution

### **5 Questions from Members**

To receive questions and representations from Members under Rule 5 of the Executive Procedure Rules of the Constitution

### **6 Corporate Performance Report: Q3: 1 October 2021 - 31 December 2021 (Pages 7 - 26)**

To consider the attached report DoR07/22 of the Interim Director of Resources,

which provides a summary of progress against the revised corporate performance targets for the period 1 October 2021 - 31 December 2021, and informs the Cabinet of any areas of concern or issues requiring attention, together with the action taken to remedy these.

RECOMMENDED that the progress for Quarter 3 2021/2022 be noted.

## **7 Quarter 3 - Budget Monitoring 2021/22** *(Pages 27 - 40)*

To consider the attached report DoR11/22 of the Assistant Director Finance & HR, which summarises the Council's current Revenue & Capital position and full year projections for the third quarter of 2021/22.

RECOMMENDED that the projected revenue position at December 2021 be noted.

## **8 Final Budget Proposals 2022/23 and the Medium Term Financial Plan** *(Pages 41 - 64)*

To consider the attached report DoR16/22 of the Interim Director of Resources. The Council is required to produce a balanced budget for 2022/23 as the basis for calculating its level of Council Tax. It has to base that budget on its Corporate Plan priorities and service delivery requirements estimated for the year, recognising any changes in service demand that may arise in future years. The purpose of this report is to:

1. receive and consider responses to the Council's budget consultation, which was published on 21 January 2022; and
2. receive and consider feedback from the Finance Scrutiny Committee on the proposed budget.

RECOMMENDED that

1. the balanced budget to Full Council as set out in Appendix 1 be approved and recommended to Full Council;
2. a Council Tax freeze to be approved and recommended to Full Council;
3. the proposed capital programme 2022/23 – 2025/26 be recommended to Full council as set out in Appendix 2;
4. the latest Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2022/23 to 2025/26 be noted as set out in Appendix 3;
5. the impact of the proposed budget on reserves be noted and the reserves be recommended to full council as set out in Appendix 4; and
6. the budget consultation responses summarised at section 13 and detailed at Appendices 5 & 6 (Appendix 6 to follow on closure of the consultation 21 February) be noted.

## **9 Inspiring Eden Economic Development Framework** *(Pages 65 - 124)*

To consider the attached report DCE13/22 of the Assistant Director Development, which presents, for approval, the initial 3 Inspiring Eden Work Stream Prospectuses as the basis for undertaking consultation before final approval by Cabinet. The report also provides an update on the Inspiring Eden Economic Recovery Plan and

the proposed Penrith Place Plan which is being developed as part of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.

RECOMMENDED that

1. The work stream prospectuses, as detailed in Appendix 2 to this report, are approved with authority delegated to the Assistant Director Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Enterprise, to finalise the documents and agree an approach to consulting with stakeholders as the basis for producing updated versions for consideration and approval by the Cabinet;
2. The update on the Inspiring Economic Recovery Plan detailed in this report be noted;
3. Approval is given to removing the current upper age limit as part of the Eden Apprenticeship Grant Scheme; and
4. The current version of the Penrith Place Plan, as detailed in Appendix 3 to this report, be approved with authority delegated to the Assistant Director Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Enterprise, to agree the final version and oversee the Council's input into the investment plan which will shape the detail for delivery.

#### **10 Equality Objectives 2021-2025 under the Equality Act 2010 Act** *(Pages 125 - 132)*

To consider the attached report DoR08/22 of the Interim Director of Resources, in respect of setting Equality Objectives that outline how the Council plans to meet the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty. Setting four yearly objectives gives the Council an opportunity to show its commitment to Equality/Equity and the approach it plans to take. The adoption of the new objectives will form part of a wider piece of work being undertaken by the Council to improve its Equality, Equity and Diversity practices and understanding.

RECOMMENDED that the proposed updated Equality/Equity Objectives are adopted by the Council and published on the Council's website.

#### **11 Establishment of a Westmorland and Furness Joint Committee** *(Pages 133 - 138)*

To consider the attached report CE1/22 of the Chief Executive, which recommends that as one of the Councils making up the area which will be covered by the forthcoming Westmorland and Furness Council, a Westmorland and Furness Joint Committee is established.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet

1. agrees to the establishment of the Westmorland and Furness Joint Committee as detailed in the report, and to the terms of reference attached at Appendix 1; and
2. delegates the executive functions within the Terms of Reference to the Westmorland and Furness Joint Committee.

## **12 Business Rates Relief 2022/23** *(Pages 139 - 158)*

To consider the attached report DoR13/22 of the Interim Director of Resources, which advises Members of the two rate relief schemes that come into effect on 1 April 2022: the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief Scheme and the extension of Transitional Relief and Supporting Small Business scheme.

RECOMMENDED that:

1. approval be given to the use of discretionary powers by the Council under Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1988 (as amended) to award Retail Discounts for Business Rates for the financial years 2022-2023; and
2. it be agreed that determination by the Council of awards of the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief Scheme and the extension of Transitional Relief and Supporting Small Business scheme be made having regard to the Guidance published by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities in December 2021 (attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 in this report).

## **13 Any Other Items which the Chairman decides are urgent**

## **14 Housing Advice and Homelessness Services Contract** *(Pages 159 - 164)*

To consider the attached report DoR15/22 of the Interim Director of Resources, which seeks approval for an extension of the Housing Advice and Homelessness Service contract with Eden Housing Association.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet approves a two-year extension to the Housing Advice and Homelessness Services contract to 31 March 2024.

## **15 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To consider whether, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, members of the public (including the press) should be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A of the Act (i.e. information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

## **16 Housing Advice and Homelessness Services Contract - Appendix 1 (Not for Publication)** *(Pages 165 - 166)*

## **17 Sale of Land at Eden Business Park** *(Pages 167 - 170)*

To consider the attached report DCE15/22 of the Deputy Chief Executive which seeks to approve the sale of land at Eden Business Park to facilitate economic development.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet approves the sale of the land at Eden Business Park as set out in this report.

## 18 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,



I Frost  
Interim Chief Executive

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### For Attention

All members of the Council

**Chairman** – Councillor V Taylor (Liberal Democrat Group)

**Vice Chairman** – Councillor M Robinson (Independent Alliance Group)

### Councillors

J Derbyshire, Liberal Democrat Group

K Greenwood, Independent Alliance Group

M Rudhall, Liberal Democrat Group

L Sharp, Labour Group

M Tonkin, Independent Alliance Group

### Standing Deputies

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