

Summary of recommendations being presented to Council

24 February 2021 (Minutes in full have been circulated and are available on line.)

Cabinet – 6 January 2021	
288 Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee held on 15th December 2020 Minute 100 Garden Communities and Delivery Vehicles	
RECOMMENDED	to Council; a budget of £300k over a 3 year period is established for this work to be funded through the business rate retention reserve to approved.

Cabinet – 20 January 2021	
309 Mental Health Challenge for Local Authorities	
RECOMMENDED	to Council: 6. To approve the Lead Officer role on the basis of a 1 year fixed term post and the necessary budget of circa £50k be taken from the £700k funding provided by Government in relation to COVID.

Cabinet – 3 February 2021	
321 Supporting Economic Recovery	
RECOMMENDED	to Council; that £1m from the Business Rate Pilot reserve was utilised in conjunction with monies from the Additional Restrictions Grant to support the deployment of the Fund.
322 Revenue and capital Budgets 2021/22	
RECOMMENDED	to Council; 1. To propose the Net Revenue General Fund Budget of £15.763m for 2021/22. 2. That expenditure at this stage is approved against the budget allocated of £1.316m from additional one off Government Funding (Covid-19 grant £616k and Lower Tier Service Grant £700k); a) Contingency Hardship Fund £100k b) Mental Health Officer/Resources £50k

	<p>With other allocations against this budget to be made with Council approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. A Council Tax increase is approved of £5 a year giving a Band D council tax of £151.78 a year for 2021/22. 4. That the surplus identified on the Council Tax Collection Fund of £366,940 is allocated as outlined in 3.3 of the report; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) £189,189 is set aside in a reserve to meet the known collection fund deficit in future years, b) £177,751 is used to increase the General Fund Balance, bringing it more comfortably within the adopted range. 5. That the Housing Revenue Account Estimates with a net surplus of £0.985m is approved. 6. That the Net Capital Budget totalling £7.965m for 2021/22 is approved.
323 Capital Strategy 2021/22 – 2024/25	
RECOMMENDED	to Council: the adoption of the Capital Strategy 2021/22 – 2024/25.
324 Treasury Management, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/22	
RECOMMENDED	that Council approve and adopt: The Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 – Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy, including; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Prudential Indicators for 2021/22, b. the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, and c. the creditworthiness criteria and updated list of counterparties.
331 COVID – 19 Suez Claim	
RECOMMENDED	to Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the over budget claim of £184,592.02 for the reasons set out in the report subject to the Strategic Lead – Governance and Licensing obtaining legal advice to confirm the assessment of the contractual position. 2. To provide a contingency budget of £139,376 which represents 10% of the monthly contractual base payment in relation to potential future budget claims by Suez in the 2020/21 financial year. The actual payment is more likely to be less dependent on lockdown duration.

Scrutiny Committee – [10 December 2020](#)

106 Car Parking Tariff Review

RECOMMENDED

to Council;

1. That TAFF Members propose the introduction of a new tariff of £1.20 per hour in East Devon District Council's category 1 (prime location) car parks effective from 1 April 2021
2. That TAFF Members also propose the introduction of a revised pricing structure for car parking permits with a £120 per annum for a single town (and an additional £24 per each town added) up to a maximum annual permit charge of £240 to cover all towns. To provide a 'pay monthly' scheme for all regular customers starting with a single town permit for just £10 per month.

Audit & Governance Committee – [26 November 2020](#)

59 Redmond Review of Local Authority Financial Reporting and Audit

RECOMMENDED

to Council;

1. to note the findings and recommendations of the Redmond Review, the implementation of some of these recommendations would require changes to primary legislation and revised Accounting Codes of Practice, and
2. the appointment of a suitably qualified, independent member the Audit and Governance Committee to support elected representatives in scrutinising local authority finances