

Cabinet

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Wednesday, 13 November 2019
Present	Councillors John Collier, David Godfrey, Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee (Vice-Chair), Ian Meyers, David Monk (Chairman) and David Wimble
Apologies for Absence	Councillors Stuart Peall
Officers Present:	Andy Blaszkowicz (Assistant Director), Alastair Clifford (Operations Manager), Amandeep Khroud (Assistant Director), Sue Lewis (Committee Services Officer), Tim Madden (Corporate Director - Customer, Support and Specialist Services), Susan Priest (Head of Paid Service) and Charlotte Spendley (Assistant Director)
Others Present:	

NOTE: All decisions are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 22 November 2019 at 5pm. Decisions not called in may be implemented on 25 November 2019.

33. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

34. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2019 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

35. **General Fund Capital Budget Monitoring 2019/20**

This monitoring report provided a projection of the current financial position for the General Fund capital programme, based on expenditure to 31 August 2019, and identified variances compared to the latest approved budget.

Proposed by Councillor David Monk
Seconded by Councillor John Collier and

Resolved:

- 1. To receive and note report C/19/35.**

(Voting: For 6; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

36. Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capita) Budget Monitoring Position 2019/20 - 2nd quarter

This monitoring report provided a projection of the end of year financial position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue expenditure and HRA capital programme based on net expenditure to 31 August 2019.

Members noted the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Proposed by Councillor David Godfrey
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

Resolved:

- 1. To receive and note Report C/19/39.**

(Voting: For 6; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

37. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Position - 2nd quarter 2019/20

This monitoring report provided a projection of the end of year financial position of the General Fund revenue budget, based on expenditure to the 31 August 2019.

Proposed by Councillor David Monk
Seconded by Councillor David Godfrey and

Resolved:

- 1. To receive and note Report C/19/42.**

(Voting: For 6; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

38. Budget Strategy 2020/21

This Budget Strategy sets out the guidelines for preparing the 2020/21 Budget. It supports the Corporate Plan and aligns with the direction and objectives of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

The Budget Strategy takes account of current and future financial issues, sets out the underlying assumptions and initial budget-setting proposals and provides a timetable for delivering a balanced budget in 2020/21.

Proposed by Councillor David Monk
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee and

Resolved:

1. **To receive and note report C/19/40.**
2. **To approve the Budget Strategy for 2020/21 set out in this report.**
3. **To approve the General Fund revenue growth & savings proposals for 2020/21 (Appendix 2).**
4. **To approve the General Fund capital growth proposals for 2020/21 (Appendix 3).**
5. **To agree the proposed timetable for preparing 2020/21 budgets (Appendix 4).**

(Voting: For 6; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

39. **Fees & Charges 2020/21**

This report focused on the proposed fees and charges for 2020/21 which will contribute towards meeting the council's 2020/21 budget objectives and Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The Council's Fees and Charges Policy was revised and agreed by Cabinet on 15 November 2017 (Report C/17/54).

Members noted the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to parking charges at Princes Parade, Hythe but agreed it would be wrong to remove them at this time.

Proposed by Councillor David Monk
Seconded by Councillor John Collier and

Resolved:

1. **To receive and note report C/19/41.**
2. **To approve:**
 - (i) **The 2020/21 fees and charges which are set at the discretion of the council for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account, as outlined in Appendix 2;**
 - (ii) **The parking charges in Appendix 3;**
 - (iii) **The statutory charges subject to discretionary charges in Appendix 4.**

(Voting: For 5; Against 0; Abstentions 1)

40. **Budget Approval for Folkestone Beach Chalets Scheme**

This report considered a request from the Trustees of the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Ground Charity to seek approval from Full Council to provide capital funding of £500,000 to support the renovation of 16 of existing

beach chalets, the demolition of the remaining 58 beach chalets and the installation of 120 new beach chalets at Marine Walk, Folkestone.

Proposed by Councillor David Godfrey
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

Resolved:

- 1) To receive and note report C/19/37.**
- 2) To seek approval from Full Council for a capital budget of £500,000 to be met from Prudential Borrowing to support the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Charity's Folkestone Beach Chalets Scheme.**

(Voting: For 6; Against 0; Abstentions 0)