

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting held: 14th February 2018

Present: Councillor Russell Roberts (Chair)

Councillors Lloyd Bunday, Mark Dearing, David Howes,
Ian Jelley, Mark Rowley and Lesley Thurland

Also Present Councillors James Burton, Ash Davies, June Derbyshire,
Maggie Don, Mick Scrimshaw and Mike Tebbutt

17.EX.57 APOLOGIES

None

17.EX.58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17.EX.59 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the
Committee held on 17th January 2018 be
approved and signed as a correct record.

17.EX.60 WORK PROGRAMME

The Council's draft work programme to be published on 15th
February 2018 was noted.

17.EX.61 TOWN CENTRE DELIVERY PLAN

A report was submitted which sought to member approval to
send the draft Town Centre Delivery Plan 2018 – 2025 out for
consultation.

It was reported that the Town Centre Conference held in September 2017 had started a process that would deliver a framework for future developments in the town centre, documented and illustrated in a way that all stakeholders could recognise and sign up to. The delivery plan would be more reflective of the changing needs of the town centre and replace Suite 16 which had served its purpose over a ten year period.

It was heard that the draft plan was high level and offered an aspirational and realistic plan for the future, with 20 projects planned across the period 2018-2025. As each project came forward a detailed consultation process would be undertaken and funding approval sought if required. The project timetable across the seven year period would be dependent on funding availability.

The meeting noted that the Council would play a variety of roles in the delivery of each project, with certain projects requiring the Council to lead, others to be undertaken in partnership with external organisations and yet others to be led by the private sector with promotional work undertaken by KBC.

It was understood that over the seven year period of the plan it would be inevitable that the environment for the town centre would change and other opportunities may arise, however, adoption of the Town Centre Delivery plan would not preclude the Council from taking advantage of these opportunities.

Members heard that feedback on the draft plan had already been received, with significant press coverage on specific projects that formed part of the plan. With Executive approval, the consultation process on the draft document would commence on Friday 16th February with the results of this process submitted to the committee at its meeting in May.

Cllr Scrimshaw addressed the Committee and welcomed the draft delivery plan, noting that it contained a number of exciting elements, especially in relation to Meadow Road Park. It was also noted as positive that the Council would be facilitating and working in partnership with external organisations as it had a duty to provide a leadership role in the community. It was suggested that the Council's scrutiny committees could play a role in examining and assisting in the projects.

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee approved the draft Town Centre Delivery Plan 2018 - 2025 for consultation

17.EX.62 **DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2018/19 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

A report was submitted, the purpose of which was to provide any updates to the budget that had occurred since the last meeting on 17th January and to report back comments that had been submitted during the budget consultation period (to date) which would enable the Executive to:-

- reconsider the main budget issues and drivers and consider their impact on the medium term
- make budget recommendations to full Council, including the recommended level of council tax for 2018/19
- formally approve the level of council house rents that would be charged for 2018/19

Additional comments made by the Research and Development Committee, Monitoring and Audit Committee, the Tenants' Forum and comments received from individual councillors had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Revised recommendations were also circulated, it being noted that a balanced budget had been delivered.

Comments made during the consultation period to date as contained in the appendix to the report and additional comments submitted from the Tenants' Forum, the Research and Development Committee and the Monitoring and Audit Committee were noted and taken into account, as were officer opinions.

RESOLVED

That the Executive agreed to: -

- a) Receive the comments received from the consultation process (to date) as detailed at Appendix B;
- b) Approved that the average weekly council house rent be reduced by 1.00% to £79.43 (on a 52 week year) for 2018/19 (effective from 2nd April 2018); and

RECOMMENDED

That the Executive recommended to Council:-

- a) The Revised General Fund Budget (2017/18) and Draft General Fund Budget for (2018/19) – as detailed at Appendix A – Section 1*;

b) The following Council Tax levels for 2018/19 in relation to Kettering Borough Council; and the associated Medium Term Financial Forecast;

Band	A	B*	C	D	E	F	G	H
Annual	£136.93	£159.75	£182.57	£205.39	£251.03	£296.67	£342.32	£410.78
Weekly	£2.63	£3.07	£3.51	£3.95	£4.83	£5.70	£6.58	£7.90
Increase per week (pence)	0p	0p	0p	0p	0p	0p	0p	0p
Increase	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
* Represents the average level of the household bill within the District								

c) The Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2018/19 – as detailed at Appendix A - Section 2.

d) The Capital Programme (2017 - 2023) – as detailed at Appendix A - Section 3 and brings forward the commercial investments as outlined in Section 7.2 of the report

Please note that these references to Appendix A refer to the “Draft Budget Booklet – 2018/19” that was circulated as Appendix A to the January Budget report to the Executive Committee on 17 January 2018. A copy of these papers can be found at – http://www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings/1605/executive_committee

17.EX.63 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018/19

The Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 was reported for approval.

RESOLVED

That the Executive:

a) Approved the Treasury Management Policy Statement as detailed in Appendix A;

b) Approved the Annual Treasury Management Strategy as detailed in Appendix B: and

RECOMMENDED

c) Recommended the Prudential & Treasury Indicators to Council for approval as detailed in Appendix B

(The meeting started at 6.30pm and ended at 6.50pm)

Signed

Chair

DJP