

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting held: 12th June 2019

Present: Councillor Russell Roberts (Chair)
Councillors Lloyd Bunday, Mark Dearing, Scott Edwards, David Howes, Ian Jelley, Mark Rowley and Lesley Thurland

Also Present: Councillors Don, Hakewill, Mitchell, Scrimshaw and Tebbutt.

19.EX.01 APOLOGIES

None.

19.EX.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs David Howes and Mark Dearing declared an interest in Item 14 – Private Sector Housing Grants Policy and stated that they would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

19.EX.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 17th April 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19.EX.04 PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Three members of the public stated their wish to speak on items on the agenda under the Council's Right to Speak policy. In addition, five elected members also noted their intention to speak.

19.EX.05 WORK PROGRAMME

The Council's draft Work Programme to be published on 20th June 2019 was noted.

19.EX.06 MAINTAINING A DURABLE BUDGET

A report was submitted which:-

- i) Reminded members of the context/background to the Council's budget and medium term financial strategy;
- ii) Illustrated the latest budget model, the delivery of efficiencies for 2019/20 and the estimated level of efficiencies that may be required over the next few years;
- iii) Outlined an alternative strategy for New Homes Bonus income;
- iv) Provided members with an update on the draft outturn figures for 2018/19, in relation to;
 - General Fund
 - Housing Revenue Account
 - Capital
 - Treasury Management
- v) Sought approval for the Capital Programme carry forwards from 2018/19 so these formed part of the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

The Committee noted that should it decide to bring forward 100% of the New Homes Bonus funding into the base budget for 2020/21 (bringing forward the approved strategy by a year) this could result in additional income of around £148,000 and would reduce the level of savings needed to set a balanced budget for 2020/21 from £1.462m to £1.314m. Given the scale of savings required it was considered sensible to amend the strategy in this manner, however it was further noted that amending the figures at this stage was a simple reflection of how the scheme would work going forward and the assumptions would be kept under constant review.

Councillor Jim Hakewill addressed the Committee in relation to the breakdown of income generated from commercial investments and the level of training undertaken by members of the Asset Management Board.

Councillor Mick Scrimshaw spoke and asked a number of questions in relation to potential delays to the Government's Fair Funding Review, the possible need for additional borrowing in relation to the HRA Capital Programme, Minimum Revenue Provision regarding commercial investments and which area an increase in reserves had been allocated to.

Councillor Mike Tebbutt addressed the Committee and noted the disappointment of the Monitoring and Audit Committee that the external

audit of finances had been delayed by the auditor even though KBC's accounts had been produced in plenty of time.

RESOLVED that:-

The Executive noted:

- i) The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and associated guiding principles; and
- ii) The draft out-turn position for 2018/19 for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account, Capital Programme and Treasury Management; and

The Executive approved;

- iii) The Capital Programme carry forwards from 2018/19 (as detailed in Appendix C); and
- iv) The amended New Homes Bonus Strategy as detailed in paragraph 3.17 of the report.

(Voting: Unanimous)

19.EX.07 CONSULTATION ON EXTENSION TO EXISTING RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE

A report was submitted which:

- i) Sought member approval to proceed with a full consultation on a small extension to residential parking Zone J, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report;
- ii) Updated members on the review of communications and assessment criteria applied in the recent consultation on residents parking schemes and sought member approval to the future means of consultation as detailed within the report; and
- iii) Sought member approval that the test for consideration to introduce a residents parking zone was based on 60% of all households in the proposed zone extension. Only responses in favour of the proposal would count towards the 60% figure, and that any scheme would apply to proposed zone area not individual streets.

Clarification was provided in relation to the proposed consultation process following feedback received as a result of the previous

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consultation. In addition, the threshold for the introduction of a residents parking zone was explicitly defined to the meeting.

It was noted that a series of discussions would be held with local businesses and two public drop-in sessions organised after the summer break to allow for maximum attendance. A four week consultation exercise would be undertaken with a questionnaire letter drop carried out to all properties in the proposed zone. Where no return was received, a further delivery would be made in addition to a door-knocking exercise in Week 3 of the consultation. A final letter drop reminding households of the consultation deadline would take place in Week 4.

Three members of the public attended the meeting and addressed the Committee under the provisions of the Council's Right to Speak Policy. All speakers were residents or business owners living in Zone J (Extension) or located just outside the proposed boundary. Comments made are summarised below:-

General Comments

- It was an unfair assumption that non-respondents to the consultation were against the proposals. Non-respondents should either be dropped from the results calculations altogether or the total number of non-respondents should be allocated to equally to each side of the equation.
- The Church of Saint Michaels and All Angels would be happy to host a drop-in consultation session

Headlands

- Dual-use bays allowing both permit holders and visitors to use the bays on a first come first serve basis could be an option.

Broadway/The Drive

- Residents of The Drive and the proposed section of Broadway were unanimous in their support of the proposed scheme
- There were concerns that by making the proposed section of Broadway "distinct", there could be future "zone creep"

Business/community users

- Local businesses on the edge, but outside of the proposed zone would be negatively affected by the introduction of permit parking in the area due to loss of accessible parking for customers.
- Businesses were keen to see an improved consultation process following the previous consultation exercise undertaken earlier in the year

- The users and staff at the school and church would be negatively affected as well as local businesses as all these groups relied solely on street parking
- Several traders could move out should permit parking be introduced

Councillor Maggie Don addressed the Committee, commenting on the improvements made to the proposed consultation and suggested that at least one of the drop-in sessions should take place at a location within the community. She noted that the displacement of vehicles, should the zone be implemented, would be a major issue and asked questions in relation to the number of residents parking permits allowed and details regarding other forms of parking restrictions that may be available.

RESOLVED

that the Executive Committee:

- i) Delegated to the Head of Public Services, in conjunction with the Head of Legal Services, to proceed with a full consultation on a residential parking zone in the proposed extension of Zone J.
- ii) Approved the future means of consultation as detailed within the report.
- iii) Approved that the test for the consideration of the introduction of a resident's parking scheme be based on the support from 60% of all households in the proposed zone and that schemes will apply to areas not individual streets.

19.EX.08 TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) REVIEW

A report was submitted which sought member approval to extend the Town Centre PSPO with the existing restrictions for a further three years, under the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Details of the consultation process were provided, with members noting that 92% of respondents supported the continuation of the PSPO for a further three years.

Councillor Clark Mitchell addressed the committee advocating for the removal of the prohibition of the skateboarding element from the PSPO.

Members discussed this issue and considered that skateboarding should remain prohibited in both the Market Place and the environs of Morrison's.

RESOLVED that the current Town Centre PSPO be extended for a further three years from 25th July 2019 in line with the consultation outcome.

(Voting: Unanimous)

19.EX.08 REVIEW OF KEYWAYS HOUSING ALLOCATION SCHEME

Members received a report that sought approval of the revised Housing Allocations Scheme that underpinned the allocation of social rented homes to households in housing need across the Borough.

The Committee was appraised of the changes to the existing scheme and noted that objections had been received in relation to the proposed removal of the Positive Residence History criterion. Following discussion it was proposed that this element of the revised scheme should not be implemented.

Councillor Don addressed the Committee and stated her endorsement that the Positive Residence History Criteria should be retained.

RESOLVED that the Committee agree to adopt the revised Housing Allocation Scheme subject to the retention of Positive Residence Criteria as set out in current Housing Allocations scheme.

(Voting: Unanimous)

19.EX.09 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANTS POLICY

A report was submitted that sought approval of the revised Private Sector Housing Grants Policy 2019.

The Committee received an outline of the changes made to the policy and noted that there was a minor amendment required to the wording related to the eligibility details for the Warm Homes Fund.

It was considered that the report was positive, focussing as it did on making best use of the available capital resources to meet the needs of the most vulnerable customers.

RESOLVED

that the new Private Sector Housing Grants Policy as set out in the report be adopted.

(Voting: Unanimous)

(Cllrs David Howes and Mark Dearing left the room before discussion of the above item)

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 7.55pm)

Signed
Chair

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