

Notice of Decisions Taken Under Delegated Powers by the Executive on Thursday, 18 February 2021

NOTES: The deadline for calling in any of these decisions is 5.00 pm on 2 March 2021.

A copy of the Executive agenda setting out all the reports has previously been circulated to all Members of the Council.

Officers are asked to read this Decision Notice, as it is the responsibility of the Officer named in the Action Column to ensure that the appropriate action is taken.

If you require further information on any issue please contact the Officer named in the right hand column. For general information or to obtain a copy of any documentation please contact Member Services.

Present: Mayor Mike Starkie, Councillors David Moore, Steven Morgan and Andy Pratt.

Officers Present: Pat Graham, Chief Executive; Sarah Pemberton, Director of Corporate Services and Commercial Strategy; Steven Brown, Director of Financial Resources; Clinton Boyce, Solicitor; Clive Willoughby, Democratic Services Officer; Rose Blaney, Democratic Services Officer; Claire Dunn, Human Resources Manager and Katie Longworth, Occupational Health and Safety Advisor.

Also Present: Councillors John Kane (Chair of OSC), Gwynneth Everett and Michael McVeigh.

EXE Apologies for Absence
20/213

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Felicity Wilson.

EXE Statements of Executive Decisions of the Meeting held on 26 January 2021
20/214

RESOLVED – That Statements of Decisions made on the 26th January 2021, were agreed as a correct record and will be signed by the Mayor as soon as practicable.

EXE Declarations of Interests in Agenda Items:

20/215

No declarations of Interest were made by the Executive Members present.

EXE Written Questions from Members of the Public

20/216

No questions had been received from Members of the public.

EXE Reports from Overview and Scrutiny Committee

20/217

Councillor John Kane (the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee) advised that the Committee had not met since the last Executive meeting and that their next meeting was scheduled for 19 February 2021.

Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/218	<p><u>FORWARD PLAN</u></p> <p>To consider the Mayor's Executive Forward Plan.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>RESOLVED - that the forward plan be agreed.</p> <p><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p>The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements (Access to information (England) Regulations 2012 requires a forward plan to be prepared in respect of key decisions. The work plan is good practice.</p> <p><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p>N/A</p>	N/A

Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/219	<p data-bbox="316 215 979 248"><u>HEALTH AND SAFETY HALF-YEARLY REPORT</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1265 483">To receive the Bi-Annual report on Health and Safety. All Council activities have the potential to impact on Copeland Residents therefore, it is important that all activities are managed so they are carried out in a safe manner.</p> <p data-bbox="316 562 448 595"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 651 1251 775">RESOLVED: that the Bi-Annual report on Health and Safety to 31 December 2020 and the associated actions arising from it be noted.</p> <p data-bbox="316 831 620 864"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 920 1238 1144">As an employer, Copeland Borough Council (CBC) is required to comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and regulations made under that Act. The Council must have arrangements in place to protect employees and those affected by any work undertaking provided by the Council.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1200 1102 1234"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 1290 847 1323">No other options were considered.</p>	N\A

Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/220	<p data-bbox="316 1516 1193 1594"><u>CORPORATE PERFORMANCE UPDATE FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2020-21</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 1650 1278 1774">The report provided the Executive with details of progress and performance against the Corporate Strategy 2020-2024 for Quarter Three of 2020-21.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1830 448 1863"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="316 1919 1278 2087">RESOLVED – that progress made against the Corporate Strategy key deliverables and performance measured through Key Performance Indicators at the end of Quarter Three of 2020/21 be noted.</p>	N\A

	<p><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p>The Executive is responsible for managing the resources of the Council and seeking to ensure best value through continuous improvement is embedded throughout all of the Council's business</p> <p>The Performance and Risk Management Officer was thanked for a comprehensive report.</p> <p><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p>No other options were considered.</p>	
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Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/221	<p><u>FINANCE REPORT FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2020-21</u></p> <p>To receive a Budget Monitoring report which sets out the Quarter Three forecast year-end results against the Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2020/21 financial year.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the 2020/21 revenue forecast outturn net overspend of £180k be noted, 2) the summary of the revenue outturn variances be noted, 3) the revised capital outturn for 2020/21 be noted, 4) inclusion of Capitalisation Flexibility of £100k to be funded from Capital Receipts be recommended to Council, and 5) the revision of the capital programme for 2020/21 be recommended to Council. <p><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p>The proposals ensure the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs to enable the continued delivery of services to Copeland residents.</p>	N/A

	<p><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p>No other options were considered.</p>	
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Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/222	<p><u>DRAFT BUDGET</u></p> <p>To consider the draft Revenue Budget 2021/22, Medium Term Financial Strategy (2021-2023), 2021/2022 Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Programme (2021-2026).</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – That</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Mayor’s 2021/22 proposed Revenue Budget requirement of £8,626k and 2021-2023 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as set out in section 2 of the Agenda report which includes the fees and charges schedule for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A of the report and use of reserves schedule as set out in Appendix B of the report be recommended to Council for approval, b) the Mayor’s proposal to increase Council Tax by 1.95% for 2021/22 and to delegate authority to the Council’s Section 151 Officer to approve the necessary Council Tax calculation in accordance with sections 31 – 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1982 be recommended to Council for approval, c) the Mayor’s proposed Capital Strategy for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix C that includes the proposed Capital Programme for 2021/22 – 2025/26 be recommended to Council for approval, d) the 2021/22 Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy as set out in Appendix D be recommended to Council for approval. e) the updated Local Council Tax Support Scheme as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the Agenda report be recommend to Council for approval. 	N\A

	<p>f) the Pay Policy as set out in Section 7 and Appendix F of the agenda report be recommend to Council for approval.</p> <p>g) the responses to the budget consultation as set out in Appendix G of the agenda report be noted.</p> <p>h) the Statement of the Responsible Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer) be noted.</p> <p>i) That the good work undertaken by the Director of Financial Resources and his team in preparing the budget be acknowledged.</p> <p><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p>This report forms part of the Budget & Policy Framework within an Elected Mayor authority. The Executive is receiving this information to consider and endorse the Elected Mayor’s draft budget for 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy projections up to 2022/23.</p> <p>These proposals ensure the proper administration of the Council’s Financial affairs to enable the continued delivery of services to Copeland residents.</p> <p><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p>No other options were considered.</p>	
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EXE Date and Time of Next Meeting:
20/223

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive would provisionally be held on Friday 26th February 2021 at 2:00pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Executive would be held on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 10:00am.

These will be a virtual meetings.

The Meeting closed at 11.10 am

Mayor