



## CABINET

MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2019

## DECISIONS

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Nunn (Chair); Councillor Larratt (Deputy Chair); Councillors Eldred, Hadland, Hallam, J Hill, Hibbert and King.
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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 23 December 2019. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

These decisions will come into force and then may be implemented on the expiry of three working days after the publication of this list.

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<b>THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:</b>	<u>24 DECEMBER 2019</u>
<b>DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:</b>	<u>2 JANUARY 2020 AT 17:00 HOURS</u>

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### 7. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2020/21

- 2.1 That Cabinet approved the recommendation for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) to remain at a 35% reduction in 2020/21.
- 2.2 That Cabinet recommended the CTRS for approval at Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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### 8. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2020/2021

- 2.1 Cabinet recommended to Council to approve the tax base for 2020/21 at 69,376.28 Band D equivalent properties and associated parish tax bases within this report.

'Band D' is used as a denominator value and changes to discounts, exemptions and collection rates will impact on the calculated 'tax base', in addition to any gains or losses in the number of physical properties.

	2019/20	2020/21	Change
Billing	2,804.54	2,820.81	16.27
Collingtree	528.4673	536.15	7.68
Duston	5,562.62	5,581.06	18.44
Great Houghton	294.8073	289.50	-5.31
Hardingstone	816.3065	818.18	1.88
Upton	2,723.61	2,788.69	65.07
Wootton	2,980.14	2,990.71	10.57
East Hunsbury	3,510.44	3,506.83	-3.60
West Hunsbury	1,661.73	1,667.27	5.54
Hunsbury Meadow	888.343	972.28	83.93
Northampton (Unparished)	46,647.54	47,404.79	757.25
Total tax base	68,418.55	69,376.28	957.73

- 2.2 Cabinet delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet member for Finance to make any technical adjustments necessary arising out of the Local Government draft settlement which impacts on the tax base, and to confirm, and inform the relevant authorities, the estimated surplus/deficit on the Collection Fund and how much would be attributable to each council, including NBC, after the statutory date of the 15th January 2020.
- 2.3 The detailed breakdown of how the tax base and the associated parish tax bases are calculated is shown as a band D equivalent in appendix 1.
- 2.4 Cabinet recommended that the long-term empty property premium of 200% is implemented for properties vacant for over five years to Council, to take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

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## 9. GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2020/2021

- 2.1 Cabinet approved the draft general fund revenue budget 2020/21, as summarised in **appendix 1**, for public consultation.
- 2.2 Cabinet approved for public consultation the proposed growth and savings options for 2020/21, as set out in **appendix 2**.

- 2.3 Cabinet approved the proposed council tax increase for 2020/21 of £5.00 per band D property for public consultation, as set out in paragraphs 3.2.13.
- 2.4 Cabinet approved the draft capital strategy, as set out in **appendix 3**, for public consultation.
- 2.5 Cabinet approved the draft general fund capital programme and financing 2020/21 to 2023/24, as detailed in **appendix 4**, for public consultation.
- 2.6 Cabinet approved the draft treasury management strategy, as set out in **appendix 5**, for public consultation.
- 2.7 Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with s151 Officer and the Leader, the authority to represent the Borough Council on the Board of the Business Rates Pilot and to agree any allocation of business rates in line with the specified projects approved by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.
- 2.8 Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive and the s151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader, the authority to monitor and track the spending of the agreed £500,000 plus additional agreed £500,000 to the Future Northants programme in line with the Implementation Plan and regularly report back to Cabinet. The proposed £1.4m additional contribution is subject to the forthcoming budget consultation therefore any future delegation on this amount will be subject to the outcomes of the consultation.

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	None

## **10. HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2020/2021**

- 2.1 Cabinet approved the draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget including charges and rents as detailed in **appendices 1 and 4** for public consultation.
- 2.2 Cabinet approved the draft HRA Capital Programme and financing, as detailed in **appendix 2** for public consultation.
- 2.3 Cabinet noted the draft Total Fees proposed for NPH in **appendix 3** to deliver the services in scope.
- 2.4 Cabinet approved a further £500k amount in 2019-20 for buybacks and spot purchases of properties by bringing forward the amount proposed from 2020-21 within the HRA capital programme. As set out at paragraph 3.2.34.
- 2.5 Cabinet approved up to a further £1.5m of capital spend in addition to the

£6m previously approved by Council for the NCC Supported Living Provision property schemes. The total budget of up to £7.5m to be managed by NPH with NBC as part of the revised Capital Programme for 2019-20. As set out at paragraphs 3.2.35-3.2.37.

2.6. Cabinet noted the above approval is subject to the completed amended Financial appraisal review.

2.7 Cabinet delegated to the Chief Finance Officer, the authority to approve any variations within the £7.5m budget.

2.8 Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Wellbeing, the Head of Housing and Wellbeing and the Chief Finance Officer, the authority to approve any variations required to be made to the Management Agreement between Northampton Borough Council and Northampton Partnership Homes dated 5 January 2015 that may be required to implement any Cabinet approvals arising from this report.

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## **11. CORPORATE PLAN 2019-2021**

2.1 Cabinet recommended to Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 that the draft Corporate Plan for 2019-2021 be approved, and that the Chief Executive be authorised to finalise the document and publish this alongside the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).