

Cabinet

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Wednesday, 23 February 2022
Present	Councillors John Collier, Ray Field, David Godfrey, Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee (Vice-Chair), David Monk (Chairman), Stuart Peall, Tim Prater, Lesley Whybrow and David Wimble
Apologies for Absence	None
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Ewan Green (Director of Place), Ellen Joyce (Democratic Services Trainee), Amandeep Khroud (Assistant Director), Susan Priest (Chief Executive), Andrew Rush (Chief Officer Place & Regulatory Services), Charlotte Spendley (Director of Corporate Services) and Lee Walker (Capital and Treasury Senior Specialist)
Others Present:	None

NOTE: All decisions are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is Friday 4 March 2022 at 5pm. Decisions not called in may be implemented on Monday 7 March 2022.

81. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations at the meeting.

82. **Minutes**

The minutes from meetings on 26 January 2022 and 10 February 2022 were agreed.

83. **Public Spaces Protection Order Approval to Consult - Dog Control PSPO**

The report set out proposals for a new Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) including the reasons why a new Dog Control PSPO is required.

The report also requested approval to proceed to public consultation on the new order.

Members were provided with an addendum to the report which updated the recommendations in the original report. This was tabled by Councillor Peall as the Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste and Building Control. He did however make clear that he supported the original published recommendations to the report and would be proposing those. Following an amendment which proposed the revised recommendations there was an extensive debate.

Proposed by Councillor Prater
Seconded by Councillor Monk; and

RESOLVED:

- 1. That report C/21/82 be received and noted.**
- 2. To amend the proposed Dog Control PSPO for 2022-2025 (included as Appendix 2 to the report) before proceeding to public consultation by amending the seasonal beach restrictions listed Schedule 1a of the PSPO to 'Dogs banned between 1 May to 30 September inclusive' and deleting 'between 09:00am – 18:00pm'. This will apply to all locations listed in Schedule 1a.**
- 3. Agreed that the proposed Dog Control Public Space Protection Order for the period 2022-2025 are published for public consultation for a period of ten weeks.**
- 4. Agreed that the Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Regulatory Services, Waste and Building Control approve the final version of the new Dog Control Public Space Protection Order after review of the responses received from the consultation exercise.**

(Voting figures: 5 for, 3 against, 1 abstention)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Dog Control PSPO has proven to be an effective means to support enforcement against irresponsible dog ownership and related anti-social behaviour.

84. Capital Strategy 2022/23

The report set out the Council's proposed strategy in relation to capital expenditure, financing and treasury management in 2022/23 to be approved by full Council. The report also set out the Prudential Indicators for capital expenditure and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2022/23 to be approved by full Council.

Proposed by Councillor Monk,
Seconded by Councillor Peall; and

RESOLVED:

- 1. That report C/21/83 be received and noted.**
- 2. To recommend to Council that the 2022/23 Capital Strategy, including the Prudential Indicators, set out in appendix 1 to this report is approved.**
- 3. To recommend to Council that the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement for 2022/23 set out in appendix 2 to this report is approved**
(Voting figures: 7 for, 2 against, 0 abstentions)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet was asked to agree the recommendations set out because:-

- a) The Council must have regard to both CIPFA's Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Investment Guidance when carrying out its duties under Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2003.
- b) The Council is required to approve a Capital Strategy for the forthcoming year.
- c) The Council is required to approve a Minimum Revenue Provision statement for 2022/23 in advance of the start of the financial year.

85. Investment Strategy 2022/23

This report set out the Council's proposed strategy for its service and commercial investments in 2022/23 to be approved by Full Council.

Proposed by Councillor Monk,
Seconded by Councillor Peall; and

RESOLVED:

- 1. That report C/21/84 be received and noted**
- 2. To recommend to Council that the 2022/23 Investment Strategy, including the Investment Indicators, set out in the appendix to this report is approved.**

(Voting figures: 7 for, 2 against, 0 abstentions)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet was asked to agree the recommendations set out because:-

- a) The Council must have regard to both CIPFA's Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Local Government Investment Guidance when carrying out its duties under Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2003.
- b) The Council is required to approve an Investment Strategy for the forthcoming year.

86. **General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2022/23**

The report set out the final General Fund budget and council tax requirement for 2022/23, including that part of the local tax covering district and parish services.

Proposed by Councillor Monk,
Seconded by Councillor Hollingsbee; and

RESOLVED:

1. **That report C/21/85 be received and noted**
2. **To recommend to Council to approve the final 2022/23 General Fund budget, as set out at paragraph 4.**
3. **To recommend to Council to approve a council tax requirement for 2022/23 of £13,591,730.**

(Voting figures: 8 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions)

Councillor Prater requested it to be recorded that he voted against this motion.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet was asked to agree the recommendations set out because:

- a) The District Council's General Fund budget and council tax requirement must be approved to enable Full Council to set the budget and the council taxes for 2022/23 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.