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## **Decision Summary**

**Committee:**

**Date:**

**Committee Clerk:**

**TEL:**

**CABINET**

**TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2020**

**Leigh Webb**

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### **Chair**

Councillor Shabir Pandor

### **Councillors Attended**

Councillor Viv Kendrick

Councillor Musarrat Khan

Councillor Naheed Mather

Councillor Peter McBride

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillor Cathy Scott

Councillor Graham Turner

Councillor Rob Walker

### **Co-optees**

### **Attendees**

### **Observers**

### **Apologies**

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## **2: Minutes of Previous Meetings**

To approve the Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 1 September

and 22 September 2020.

That the minutes of the meetings held on 1 September and 22 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

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### **3: Interests**

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

Councillors Mather and Pattison advised that, in their capacity as Board Members for Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, they had been granted dispensations on Agenda Item 9, and were permitted to speak but not vote on the item

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### **8: Ad Hoc Scrutiny Report - Consultation on the Future Arrangements for the Management of the Council's Residential Housing Stock**

To receive the findings of the Ad-hoc Scrutiny panel on the consultation process and the on-going work relating to the future arrangements for management of Kirklees social housing stock.

Wards affected: All

Contact: David Stickley, Legal Services

1. That the responses from the Ad-hoc Scrutiny Panel as set out in Appendix A be noted, including the Panel's recommendation for further work to be undertaken in respect of:
    - youth engagement
    - strengthening the tenant voice
    - learning from the consultation to be put in place
    - how any changes in governance structure for housing going forward enables engagement and listening to the wider tenant and leaseholder body.
    - ensuring that the housing panels contribute to the cabinet decisions
  2. That the request for how ward councillors can have greater involvement moving forward be explored.
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### **9: Decision on the Future Model for the Management and Maintenance of Kirklees Council Housing**

To receive the outcome of the formal tenant engagement on the management and maintenance of the housing stock and status of the recommendations from the previous Cabinet report of 2nd June 2020 and consider the ratification of a previous 'in principle' decision to change the model for management of its housing stock to an in-house delivery model.

Wards affected: All

Contact: Naz Parkar, Service Director - Growth and Housing

1. That Cabinet note the outcome of the formal tenant and leaseholder engagement on the management and maintenance of the housing stock carried out June – September 2020.
2. That Cabinet notes the work and recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel.
3. That Cabinet ratifies their previous 'in principle' decision to change the model to an in-house delivery model in light of the information provided in the report and agrees to proceed to seek a mutual termination of the current contract with KNH by 31.3.21 in order to directly manage the arrangements for its housing stock
4. That Cabinet approves the proposed approach to Assurance and Tenant Involvement.
5. That authority be delegated to:
  - the Strategic Director for Adults and Health in consultation with the Portfolio holder to take all relevant steps to implement the decision.
  - the Service Director Legal, Governance and Commissioning to enter into all relevant legal documents on behalf of the Council to enable the implementation of the decision.

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## **10: Council Budget Strategy Update; 2021-2022 and following years**

To determine the Cabinet's approach to the annual update of the Council's Medium Term.

Wards affected: All

Contact: Eamonn Croston – Service Director, Finance

1. That the funding and spend assumptions informing the updated budget forecasts as set out in section 2.3 to 2.15 of the report be noted
2. That the current and forecast earmarked reserves and general balances as set out at Appendix B be noted
3. That the corporate budget timetable and approach set out at Appendix F be noted.
4. That the report be submitted to Council on 21 October 2020 with a recommendation:
  - (i) That the revised Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as set out in Section

2.14 of the report be approved

(ii) That the decision on preferred option for Business Rates Pool arrangements for 2021/22 to be delegated to the Chief Executive and Service Director – Finance, in consultation with the Leader and Corporate Portfolio holder, as per Section 2.4 of the report be approved

(iii) That the updated multi-year capital budget plans as set out at Appendix D be approved

(iv) That the flexible capital receipts strategy set out in Section 2.17 of the report be approved

(v) That the financial planning framework set out in Section 1.4 of the report be approved

(vi) That the budget consultation approach and timetable set out in Section 3 of the report be approved.

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## **11: Our Council Plan**

To consider 'Our Council Plan' which provides a one-year extension to the existing 2018 – 2020 Corporate Plan.

Wards affected: All

Contact: Kate McNicholas, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Corporate Planning

Cabinet recommends approval of 'Our Council Plan' to full Council at its meeting on 21 October 2020 (with delegated authority to the Chief Executive to make any subsequent required amendments in consultation with the Leader).

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## **12: Tackling Inequalities**

To consider proposals for Kirklees Council's initial actions to tackle the inequalities that the coronavirus pandemic has cast a significant light upon.

Wards affected: All

Contact: Kate McNicholas, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Corporate Planning

Cabinet approves the three priority actions and recommends that Council notes the report and endorses the establishment of the Inequalities Commission

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