

## Cabinet – Monday, 3 February 2025 Decision List

### Notes:

All decisions in this Decision List which are not identified as RECOMMENDATIONS to Council are capable of being "called-in" under Section 8 of Chapter 4, Part 3 of the Constitution. If not called-in, they will take effect on the expiry of 5 clear working days after the publication of this decision list.

For the avoidance of doubt, the deadline for a call-in request for this decision list will be **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

The officer listed as taking action will generally be the author of the original report unless otherwise notified to the Democratic Services Team.

### ACTION BY

#### 6 - Recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

To support the following:

Treasury Management Strategy Report 2025/26

1. Full Council approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2025/26; and
2. The Leader of North Norfolk District Council engages with other district council leaders to agree a collective approach to central government seeking its advice and guidance on the impact of devolution and local government reorganisation on the financial stability of the county of Norfolk.

Capital Strategy 2025-2026

1. recommend that Full Council approves the 2025/26 Capital Strategy and
2. undertake with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Estates & Property Services a joint review of the capital bids process to look at how it can effectively engage in this process from 2026/27.

<p>Draft Revenue Budget for 2025-26</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cabinet considers the list of proposed savings and agree on which ones should be taken so that a balanced budget can be recommended to full Council.</li> <li>2. an alternative option for balancing the budget should be agreed to replace savings not taken if there are any.</li> <li>3. Cabinet agree that any additional funding announced as part of the final Local Government Settlement announcement be transferred to reserves.</li> <li>4. Cabinet decides which proposed new capital bids should be recommended to full Council for inclusion in the Capital Programme.</li> </ol>	
<p><u>9 - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025 - 2026</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED</p> <p>To recommend that Full Council approves the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2027/2028</p> <p>Reason for the decision: To ensure that the Council's financial position is secure.</p>	<p>Recommendation to Full Council</p>
<p><u>10 - Treasury Management Strategy Report 2025/26</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED</p> <p>To recommend to Full Council that the Treasury Management Strategy 2025/26 is approved.</p> <p>Reason for the decision: Approval by Full Council demonstrates compliance with the Prudential Codes to ensure.</p>	<p>Recommendation to Full Council</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A flexible investment strategy enabling the Council to respond to changing market conditions.</li> <li>• Ensure compliance with CIPFA and MHCLG guidance.</li> <li>• Confirming capital resources available for delivery of the Council's capital programme.</li> </ul> <p>It is a requirement that any proposed changes to the prudential indicators are approved by Full Council</p>	
<p><u>11 - Capital Strategy 2025 - 2026</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED</p> <p>To recommend to Full Council that the Capital Strategy 2025/2026 is approved.</p> <p>Reason for the decision: The Council is required to approve a Capital Strategy to demonstrate compliance with the Codes and establishes the strategic framework for the management of the capital programme.</p>	<p>Recommendation to Full Council</p>
<p><u>12 - Council Tax Discounts &amp; Premiums Determination 2025-26</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED</p> <p>Recommend to Full Council that under Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 2012 and other enabling powers that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The discounts for the year 2025-26 and beyond are set at the levels indicated in the table at paragraph 3.1.</li> <li>2) To continue to award a local discount of 100% in 2025-26 for eligible cases of hardship under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended). See the associated policy in Appendix B.</li> <li>3) That an exception to the empty property levy charges may continue to be made by</li> </ol>	<p>Recommendation to Full Council</p>

- the Revenues Manager in the circumstances laid out in section 4.2 of this report.
- 4) The long-term empty-property premiums for the year 2025-26 (subject to the empty premium exceptions shown in Appendix C) are set at the levels indicated in the table at paragraph 4.2
  - 5) To continue to award a local discount of 100% in 2025-26 for eligible cases of care leavers under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended).
  - 6) Those dwellings that are specifically identified under regulation 6 of the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 will retain the 50% discount as set out in paragraph 2.1 of this report.
  - 7) Those dwellings described or geographically defined at Appendix A which in the reasonable opinion of the Revenues Manager are judged not to be structurally capable of occupation all year round and were built before the restrictions of seasonal usage were introduced by the Town and Country Planning Act 1947, will be entitled to a 35% discount.
  - 8) A new second homes premium of 100% as detailed in paragraph 4.3 (subject to the second home premium exceptions shown in Appendix C) is applied from 1 April 2025.

Reasons for the recommendations:

To set appropriate council tax discounts and premiums which will apply in 2025-26 and to raise council tax revenue.

13 - Draft Revenue Budget 2025 - 2026

Decision  
RESOLVED

1. To agree the list of proposed savings so that a balanced budget can be recommended to full Council.
2. That an alternative option for balancing the budget should be agreed to replace savings not taken if there are any.
3. To agree that any additional funding announced as part of the final Local

Recommendation to Full Council

<p>Government Settlement announcement be transferred to reserves.</p> <p>4. To agree to the proposed new capital bids and recommend them to full Council for inclusion in the Capital Programme.</p> <p>Reason for the recommendations To achieve a balanced budget for 2025/2026.</p>	
<p><u>14 - 2025/2026 Budget - Savings from public toilets budget</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to confirm support for discussions being progressed with local businesses at Potter Heigham with the objective of securing sponsorship to meet the costs of retaining the Potter Heigham public toilets;</li> <li>2) to agree that proposals and a business case be prepared for a new public toilet facility to be developed on, or adjoining, the District Council's public car park and principal bus stop at the western end of the High Street in Stalham with a report being presented to Cabinet on such a proposal in the future. In the meantime, the existing toilets will be retained for a minimum of twelve months.</li> <li>3) to agree that the public toilets in Walsingham be retained at least until March 2026 with further discussions being held with local partners as to whether a sustainable financial model for the facilities can be agreed in the medium-term.</li> <li>4) to retain the West Runton public toilets at least for this summer (through until the end of September 2025) with further discussions being held with local partners as to whether a sustainable financial model for the facilities can be agreed in the medium-term.</li> <li>5) to confirm support for the position adopted in removing the leased unit at Beach Lane, Weybourne realising a financial saving of approximately £26,000 per annum and retaining the eco-loo at this location and monitoring its use / mis-use and to advise that we will continue to work with Weybourne Parish Council to establish if a more sustainable location can be found for the provision of a public toilet in the village.</li> </ol>	<p>Director for Resources</p>

<p>Reasons for the decision:</p> <p>To deliver savings from the public toilet budget as part of preparing the 2025/26 budget and help reduce the deficits shown in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy given contract, wage and energy inflation, significant increases in the Temporary Accommodation and homelessness support and no increase in the District Council's spending power.</p>	
<p><u>15 - Non-Domestic (Business) Rates Policy 2025-26</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is agreed by Full Council that the Revenues Manager continues to have delegated authority to make decisions up to the NNDC cost value of £4k as indicated in Appendix A.</li> <li>2. It is agreed by Full Council that the Revenues Manager continues to has delegated authority to make Hardship Relief decisions up to the NNDC cost value of £4k as indicated in Appendix C.</li> <li>3. It is agreed by Full Council that the Rate Relief Policy is revised as indicated in Appendix A, B and C.</li> </ol> <p>Reason for the decision:</p> <p>The new policy will enable the Retail Hospitality and Leisure Relief, Supporting Small Business Relief, Hardship Relief, Film Studios and Flood Relief to be awarded discretionary reliefs.</p>	<p>Recommendation to Full Council</p>
<p><u>16 - Prohibition of inconsiderate and inappropriate vehicle use related to Antisocial Behaviour.</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED</p> <p>To introduce four new public space protection orders (PSPOs) within the North Norfolk District to prohibit inconsiderate and inappropriate vehicle use related to antisocial</p>	<p>Director for Communities / AD for Environment &amp; Leisure Services</p>

<p>behaviour.</p> <p>Reason for the decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulfil the council’s contribution to Operation Octane (refer to appendix 2) and support the Norfolk Constabulary initiative.</li> <li>• Support our local authority partners and maintain consistency regarding enforcement.</li> <li>• Provide additional enforcement powers to NNDC regarding this type of ASB.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>17 - Future of car park management and enforcement</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to sign an updated SLA with BCKLWN for the full car park enforcement arrangement to include the patrolling of enforcement officers, cash collection and banking of cash and processing of PCNs.</li> <li>2. That the signing of the SLA be delegated to the Director of Resources.</li> </ol> <p>Reason for the decision: To allow the Council to continue to deliver a car park enforcement service throughout the district that provides value for money for the council and council taxpayers.</p>	<p>Director for Resources</p>