

## Agenda

- Meeting:** Executive
- To:** Councillors Carl Les (Chair), Gareth Dadd (Vice-Chair), Derek Bastiman, David Chance, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie, Patrick Mulligan, Janet Sanderson and Greg White.
- Date:** Tuesday, 25th January 2022
- Time:** 11.00 am
- Venue:** Remote meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue (as informal meetings of the Committee Members), with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach will be reviewed in February 2022.

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### Business

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2022** (Pages 5 - 18)
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Public Questions and Statements**

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice to Melanie Carr of Democratic and Scrutiny Services and supplied the text (contact details below) by midday on Thursday 20 January 2022, three working days before the day of the meeting. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:-

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chairman who will instruct anyone who may be taking a recording to cease while you speak.

**5. Revenue Budget 2022/23 & Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) (Pages 19 - 250)**

**Purpose of Report:**

To seek approval for, and makes recommendations to the County Council regarding:

- The Revenue Budget for 2022/23;
- The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2023/24 to 2024/25;
- Council Tax for 2022/23;
- The Capital Five Year Spending Plan;
- An updated Annual Treasury Management Strategy for the financial year 2022/23

**6. Council Plan 2022-2026 (Pages 251 - 298)**

**Recommendations:**

Executive Members are asked to recommend to the Chief Executive Officer that using his delegated emergency powers he:

- Approve the draft Council Plan and forward it to the County Council for approval at its meeting on 16 February 2022, and
- Seek County Council's authorisation to enable him to make any necessary changes to the text, including reflecting decisions made by the County Council on the budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy, and updated performance data.

**7. Transforming Cities Fund Programme Proposals (Pages 299 - 698)**

**Recommendations:**

That, subject to any comments Members may have, it be recommended to the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated decision-making powers, that:

- The proposals for the Transforming Cities Fund projects in Harrogate, Skipton and Selby are taken forward through detailed design and a Final Business Case is presented to WYCA for each project.
- Approval of the detail of the Final Business Cases for submission to WYCA is delegated to the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Access.

**8. Arrangements for the Appointment of the External Auditor from 2023/24 (Pages 699 - 714)**

**Recommendation:**

Executive Members are asked to recommend to the Chief Executive Officer that using his emergency delegated powers he recommend to Council acceptance of the Public Sector Audit Appointments' invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government and police bodies for five financial years from 1 April 2023.

**9. Formal Meetings of the Authority's Committees from 16 February 2022 Onwards (Pages 715 - 720)**

**Recommendation:**

Executive Members are asked to make a recommendation on the future of remote access and in person meetings for the County Council, to the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated powers, for onward recommendation to full Council for

review at its meeting on 16 February 2022.

**10. Proposed Addition of e-Petitions Function to the Council's Existing Paper-Based Petitions Scheme (Pages 721 - 724)**

Recommendation:

That Executive Members recommend to the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated powers, for onward recommendation to the meeting of the County Council on 16 February 2022 that the e-petitions function in the Modern Gov committee management system be enabled and run alongside the existing paper-based scheme.

**11. Proposed Amendments to the Council's Members' Code of Conduct (Pages 725 - 782)**

**Recommendations:**

That, subject to any comments Members may have, it be recommended to the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated decision-making powers, that he recommend to full Council for approval:

- a) the proposed amendments to the Council's current Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 3, to take effect from 5 May 2022;
- b) that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make consequential amendments to the registration of Members' interests form proforma, any other relevant standards documentation and the Constitution to reflect the changes made to the Council's Code; and
- c) that tailored guidance, specific to the Council's Members' Code of Conduct, be circulated to the new elected Members in May if the proposed amendments to the Code are ultimately approved by full Council.

**12. Proposed Amendments to the Council's Constitution (Pages 783 - 796)**

**Recommendation:**

That subject to any comments from Executive Members, the recommendations and changes to the Constitution as set out in the report be proposed to the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated powers for onward recommendation to the County Council for approval.

**13. Forward Plan (Pages 797 - 810)**

**14. Other business which the Leader agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances**

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