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Name and date of Committee	COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
Subject	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To receive and consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees from 18 December 2019 to 15 January 2020.
Annexes	Annex 1 – Schedule of recommendations
Recommendation	That the recommendations set out in the Annex to the report be adopted.
Corporate priorities	To support the Council's priorities to protect the environment whilst supporting the local economy, to meet the current and future needs of residents and to provide efficient and value for money services, whilst delivering quality front line services.
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Council is required to consider recommendations made by the Cabinet and the Council's Committees since its last meeting.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. The recommendations set out in the [Annex](#) have been extracted from the reports of the meetings of the Cabinet and the Council's Committees held since the last Council meeting.
- 2.2. There is a meeting of Cabinet to be held on 15 January 2020. It is likely that this will give rise to recommendations to Council and the text of the Annex reflects the recommendations contained in the applicable reports. The decisions arising from the meeting will be circulated on Friday 17 January.
- 2.3. The recommendation regarding the adoption of the Council Plan 2020-2024 will be considered as a separate item.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. Not applicable

6. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Whilst there may be climate change implications arising from specific items within the schedule, there are none arising directly from this report.

7. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

- 7.1. The above are as set out in the relevant reports to the meetings of the Cabinet/Committee, and the decisions or minutes of those meetings.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1. None

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(a)	Cabinet 18 December 2019	Prosecution of Housing and Tenancy Fraud on behalf of Social Housing Providers Minute No. CT/75(c)/2019/2020	The recommendation that the Council approves the incorporation of the necessary amendments to the Officer Delegation Rules contained in Part 4 of the Constitution consequent upon the decision to authorise the Group Manager Legal Services be authorised to exercise the Council's enforcement powers to prosecute in each case taking into account both stages of the 'Full Code Test' as set out in the Code for Crown Prosecutors.
(b)	Cabinet 18 December 2019	Council Tax Support Scheme Minute No. CT/78/2019/2020	The recommendation that the Council amends the current Council Tax Support scheme in relation to Working Age claimants for 2020/21, including any uprating, as follows:- i) <i>Amending the banded scheme as set out in Annexes A and B</i> ii) <i>Introduce an 'extended period' of up to 8 weeks</i> iii) <i>Remove the two child limit to help blended families have more disposable income</i> iv) <i>Increase capital limit from £6,000 to £10,000</i>
(c)	Cabinet 15 January 2020	Council Tax Exemption for Care Leavers Agenda Item No. 8	The recommendations:- (a) That with effect from 1 April 2020 care leavers who meet the eligibility criteria specified in Annex A to the report shall be eligible to apply for a council tax discount until they reach the age of 21; (b) That with effect from 1 April 2020 care leavers who meet the additional eligibility criteria specified in Annex A to this report shall be eligible to apply for a council tax discount between the age of 21 to 25 years; (c) To authorise the Group Manager for Residents' Services (Publica Group (Support) Limited) to award the specified discount; and (d) To incorporate the authorisation at 2(c) above into the Officer Delegations Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

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(d)	Cabinet 15 January 2020	Household Duty Of Care Offences – Setting the Fixed Penalty Notice Level Agenda Item No. 9	The recommendations that the Council approves:- (a) A Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) fine level of £400 and early payment reduction of £200 provided payment is made within 10 days of the date the FPN was issued in accordance with the options provided under section 34(ZA) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. (b) The incorporation of the necessary amendments to the Officer Delegation Rules contained in Part 4 of the Constitution consequent upon the decision to authorise the Service Business Manager for Environment and Regulatory Services to authorise the Council's Officers for Resident Services to issue FPNs under Section 34(2A) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to persons whom the officer has reason to believe have committed a breach of the household waste duty of care.
(e)	Cabinet 15 January 2020	Budget 2020/2021 Agenda Item No. 11	The recommendations that the Council approves:- (a) The revised Capital Programme for 2019/20 totalling £35,027,700 as detailed in Annex D to the Cabinet report; (b) The Capital Programme for 2020/21 to 2029/30 totalling £37,281,000 as detailed in Annex D; (c) The Council Tax Base shown in Annex E, calculated at £44,285.22 for the year 2020/21; (d) That the National Non-Domestic Rates Return 1 (NNDRI) for submission to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is delegated to the Council's Chief Finance Officer (s.151) prior to its submission date of 31st January 2020.
(f)	Cabinet 15 January 2020	Loan Refinancing – Southill Community Energy (Southill Solar) Agenda Item No. 13	The recommendation that the Council approves an addition of £2m to the Capital Programme to facilitate the refinancing of the Southill Solar project