

# Cabinet

## Executive Decisions Notice

**Committee:** Cabinet  
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### **Agenda item 5: Housing Revenue Account Business Plan**

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- the strategy as set out in the HRA Business Plan 2023-28, and as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, is approved

**Subject to call-in period:** No

### **Agenda item 6: Housing Revenue Account - Revised Forecast 2022 and Budget 2023-24**

**RESOLVED THAT: Council be recommended to:**

1. Approve the HRA budget proposals for 2023/24 (shown at Appendix 2);
2. Approve a rent increase of 7% for social rent homes, affordable rent homes and shared ownership homes (but capping affordable rented homes rent at the Local Housing Allowance where applicable);
3. Approve changes to other rents and service charges as detailed within the report;
4. Approve the HRA capital programme for 2023/24 as shown at Appendix 3 and Appendix 4;
5. Approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) in respect of a £2.36 million grant for the provision of 21 affordable homes during 2023/24



under the Local Authority Housing Fund (subject to DLUHC notifying CBC that their proposed grant funding allocation has been confirmed), see section 5.5;

6. Ratify the performance and satisfaction targets set by CBH for 2023/24;
7. Note the revised HRA forecast for 2022/23.

**Subject to call-in period:** No

## **Agenda item 7: Final General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2023-24, and Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report, October-December 2022**

**RESOLVED THAT: Council be recommended to:**

1. Approve the revised budget for 2022/23 which is reported here as part of the budget monitoring process for 31 December 2022;
2. Consider the budget assessment by the Section 151 Officer at Appendix 2 in agreeing the following recommendations;
3. Approve the final budget proposals including a proposed council tax increase for the services provided by Cheltenham Borough Council for the year 2023/24 based on a Band D property (an increase of 2.99% for a Band D property), as detailed in paragraphs 9.1 to 9.5;
4. Approve the savings / additional income totalling £1,300,000 and the budget strategy at Appendix 4;
5. Approve the use of reserves and general balances and note the projected level of reserves, as detailed at Appendix 5;
6. Approve the capital programme at Appendix 6;
7. Approve the programmed maintenance programme at Appendix 7;
8. Approve the flexible use of capital receipts strategy as detailed in Appendix 8;
9. Note that the Council will remain in the Gloucestershire business rates pool for 2023/24;
10. Approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) detailed in Appendix 9;
11. Approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24, including the continued payment of a living wage supplement at Appendix 10;
12. Approve the proposed fees and charges schedule for 2023/24 at Appendix 11, subject to appropriate consultation where required;
13. Approve a level of supplementary estimate of £100,000 for 2023/24 as outlined in Section 19;



14. Amend the definition of a Key Decision as set out in the constitution to increase the threshold for the acquisition or disposal of land from £250,000 to £500,000, and gives delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to make the associated change to the constitution as outlined in Section 17.

**Subject to call-in period:** No

## **Agenda item 8: Award of rent support grants to voluntary sector organisations**

### **RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The following recommended rent support grants be approved:
  - Harvest Field Church, Lynworth Hall, Mendip Road – a rent support grant of 54% of the current market rent;
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Scouts, Scout Hut, Pittville Park, Central Cross drive – a rent support grant of 72% of the current market rent;
2. Authority be delegated to the Participation and Engagement Team Leader, in consultation with the Director: One Legal, to agree the terms of a rent support grant agreement with the applicant.

**Subject to call-in period:** No