

PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS

Deputy Leader (Regulatory Services)

No	Decision	Reason	Key	Confidential	Date taken
<a href="#">849/18</a>	As a result of the recent stray dog tender ESBC will be awarding the contract to the only bidder, Noah's Ark Environmental Services	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>In April 2018 our current stray dog contract with Noah's Ark Environmental Services will expire. Subsequently we require a replacement provider to take control of this service.</p> <p>Noah's Ark have provided ESBC with a comprehensive service since April 2015. During this time, Noah's Ark have demonstrated a well-structured and customer friendly approach to managing stray dogs in East Staffordshire.</p> <p>Operating since 2004, Noah's Ark have a wealth of knowledge and experience in this specialised field. They serve an extensive client base including various local authorities.</p> <p><b>Operational Considerations</b></p> <p>By awarding the new contract ESBC's current providers (Noah's Ark), we will be able to achieve a seamless transition with no anticipated impact on service users.</p> <p>If further tender was required this could result in ESBC having no service provider when our current contract ends. Inevitably this would have a detrimental impact on the level of service we could provide as a local authority.</p>	No	No	19/01/2018

Deputy Leader (Finance)

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<a href="#">857/16</a>	To approve revised calculations of Local Discretionary Rate Relief (LDRR) awards for 2017/18 and 2018/19, resulting in increased funding for local business ratepayers.	<p>On 9th March 2017, the Department for Communities and Local Government, now the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), published their intention to provide all Local Authorities with funding to help business affected by the 2017 Business Rates Revaluation.</p> <p>In September 2017 the Council approved its LLDR scheme. MHCLG granted the Council £370,000 for 2017/18 to award to local ratepayers under the policy and 524 potential recipients of the relief had been identified, with a potential award of 40% of the net increase of rates from 2016 to 2017 totalling £354,463.36. Officers have conducted up to date calculations and have found that the actual number of ratepayers receiving the relief award during 2017/18 is 356, with £186,866.77 relief being awarded. During the year there have been alterations to ratepayer's Rateable Values, successful applications for other reliefs and changes of liability (e.g. vacations) which have reduced the original estimations to the actual awards made.</p> <p>Under paragraph 8.9 of the policy, the Council can amend the amount of relief it will award in the year. Officers have conducted further calculations which show that an increase on relief from 40% of the net increase in rates from 2016 to 2017 to 79% of that increase to the same 356 ratepayers who have been awarded relief during 2017/18, would result in £369,061.87 relief being awarded during 2017/18. If this increase in relief awarded is approved, the Council will only have to repay a very small amount of the original funding back to MHCLG rather than £182k if the Council did not approve this amendment in relief calculations.</p> <p>With regards to 2018/19, current figures indicate that 333 ratepayers would be entitled to the relief. In the original estimates in September 2017, an estimated relief award of 20% (or 50% of the 2017/18 award) was approved. However current calculations show that the total relief awarded would be £92,805.50 out of a total funding pot of £180,000 for 2018/19 if that level of relief were applied. However, if the award were increased to 39% (or 97% of the 2017/18 award) then potentially the Council can award £180,970.73. This amount is slightly over the funding allowance for 2018/19 (albeit less than £1000), however officers envisage changes of circumstances will again reduce eligibility and the actual amount awarded at the end of that financial year will be under the amount of funding provided by MHCLG.</p>	No	No	22/02/2018
<a href="#">865/18</a>	To approve the revisions to the Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) policy and the Council Tax Reduction Discretionary Payment (CTRDP) policy with effect from 1st April 2018.	The current policies were updated in 2013 following the abolition of Council Tax Benefit on 1st April 2013. The Welfare Reform Act 2012 brought the implementation of Universal Credit by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), and Burton Job Centre is due to migrate to the Universal Credit Full Service from November 2018. The current policies have therefore been reviewed to include reference to Universal Credit where appropriate.	No	No	15/03/2018

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<a href="#">860/18</a>	To appoint Councillors to Outside Organisations as per the attached schedule (superseding EDR/792/17 dated 24/8/17). Amendments are to remove Councillor D Florence-Jukes from Queens' Hospital Governors' Board and to appoint Councillor B G Peters; to remove Councillor D Florence-Jukes from Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel and appoint Councillor S Gaskin; to remove Councillor D Florence-Jukes from Carver Road Community Centre Management Committee and appoint Councillor R A Johnston)	To ensure the Borough Council continues to be represented on outside organisations.	No	No	26/02/2018