

# Shadow Council



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Referrals Report of Recommendations from the Shadow Executive (Cabinet)</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>COU/SA/18/007</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Shadow Council</b>	17 July 2018
<b>Documents attached:</b>	<b>Appendix 1:</b> Shadow Executive (Cabinet) Report No: EXC/SA/18/002 'West Suffolk Council – Setting the Strategic Context for the Development of the 2019/2020 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plans' <b>Appendix 2:</b> Shadow Executive (Cabinet) Report No: EXC/SA/18/003 'West Suffolk – Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019/2020' <b>Appendix 3:</b> Shadow Executive (Cabinet) Report No: EXC/SA/18/004 'West Suffolk Council Tax Technical Changes – Including Empty Property Reliefs and Premiums Changes'	

## **(A) Referral from Shadow Executive (Cabinet): 10 July 2018**

*(These referrals have been compiled before the meeting of the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) on 10 July 2018 and are based on the recommendations contained within the reports listed below (as shown in **bold and italics**). Any amendments made by the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) to the recommendations within this report will be notified prior to the Shadow Council meeting)*

### **1. West Suffolk Council – Setting the Strategic Context for the Development of the 2019/2020 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plans**

**Shadow Executive (Cabinet)**

**Members:**

*Cllrs Stephen Edwards and Ian Houlder*

**Report No:**

**EXC/SA/18/002;**

**Appendix A;**

**Appendix B**

**RECOMMENDED that:**

- 1) The West Suffolk Strategic Framework (subject to rebranding; wording changes from "councils" to "council" and other consequential amendments, which will be completed by Officers) as its Strategic Framework from 1 April 2019, be adopted.**
- 2) Both the West Suffolk Medium Term Financial Strategy, contained at Appendix A and West Suffolk Capital Strategy contained at Appendix B to Report No: EXC/SA/18/002 as its strategic financial framework from 1 April 2019, be adopted.**
- 3) The key principles and approach for the development of the 2019-2020 budget and medium term financial plans for West Suffolk Council as set out in Section 3 of Report No: EXC/SA/18/002, be supported, including the consideration of a further report (setting out the proposed approach to achieve these principles) to the Joint Informal Performance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee on 25 July 2018.**

- 1.1 This report sets out the strategic context (proposed principles, approach and timescales) for the development of the 2019/2020 budget and medium term financial plans for the new West Suffolk Council from 1 April 2019. The Shadow Executive (Cabinet) is being asked to resolve that:

*That both Leaders should write to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on behalf of the West Suffolk Shadow Executive, confirming West Suffolk Councils plans, taking into account our implementation plan five key principles for a seven year council tax harmonisation period.*

*and to recommend to the Shadow Council that:*

- 1) The West Suffolk Strategic Framework (subject to rebranding; wording changes from "councils" to "council" and other consequential amendments, which will be completed by Officers) as its Strategic Framework from 1 April 2019, be adopted.*
- 2) Both the West Suffolk Medium Term Financial Strategy, contained at Appendix A and West Suffolk Capital Strategy contained at Appendix B to Report No: EXC/SA/18/002 as its strategic financial framework from 1 April 2019, be adopted.*
- 3) The key principles and approach for the development of the 2019-2020 budget and medium term financial plans for West Suffolk Council as set out in Section 3 of Report No: EXC/SA/18/002, be supported, including the consideration of a further report (setting out the proposed approach to achieve these principles) to the Joint Informal Performance and Audit and Scrutiny Committees on 25 July 2018.*

- 1.2 For ease of reference, the full Shadow Executive (Cabinet) report and its Appendices are attached to this referrals report. If the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) makes any changes to the recommendation to Shadow Council printed in the report, these will be despatched to Members prior to the meeting and published on the Councils' website accordingly.
- 1.3 Whilst being attached to this report, Members may also view the full report and its Appendices on the Councils' website via the above links.

## **2. West Suffolk – Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019/2020**

**Shadow Executive (Cabinet)**

**Members:**

*Cllrs Stephen Edwards and Ian Houlder*

**Report No:**

**EXC/SA/18/003;**

**Appendix A**

*(Due to the size and technical nature of Appendix A, this is not attached to this referrals report, but can be viewed via the link above)*

### **RECOMMENDED:**

***That the West Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for West Suffolk be approved, to take effect from 1 April 2019 as attached at Appendix A and as detailed in Section 5 of Report No: EXC/SA/18/003.***

- 2.1 This report sets out the proposed West Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) to take effect from 1 April 2019.
- 2.2 For ease of reference, the full Shadow Executive (Cabinet) report is attached to this referrals report. If the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) makes any changes to the recommendation to Shadow Council printed in the report, this will be despatched to Members prior to the meeting and published on the Councils' website accordingly.
- 2.3 Whilst being attached to this report, Members may also view the full report on the Councils' website via the above links. Due to the size and technical nature of Appendix A, this has not been attached, but can be viewed via the link above.

## **3. West Suffolk Council Tax Technical Changes – Including Empty Property Reliefs and Premiums Changes**

**Shadow Executive (Cabinet)**

**Members:**

*Cllrs Stephen Edwards and Ian Houlder*

**Report No:**

**EXC/SA/18/004**

### **RECOMMENDED that:**

***1) The West Suffolk Council Tax Technical Changes – Second Homes set out in Section 1.4 of Report No: EXC/SA/18/004, from 1st April 2019, be approved.***

**2) The West Suffolk Council Tax Technical Changes – Empty Property Reliefs as set out in Section 1.4 of Report No: EXC/SA/18/004, from 1st April 2019, be approved.**

**3) Subject to the coming into force of legislation accordingly on 1 April 2019, an additional 50% Council Tax premium on long term properties raising the current premium to 200% as set out in Section 1.4 of Report No: EXC/SA/18/004, be approved.**

- 3.1 This report sets out the proposed West Suffolk Council Tax Technical Changes (including Empty Property Reliefs and Premiums) from 1 April 2019.
- 3.2 For ease of reference, the full Shadow Executive (Cabinet) report is attached to this referrals report. If the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) makes any changes to the recommendation to Shadow Council printed in the report, this will be despatched to Members prior to the meeting and published on the Councils' website accordingly.
- 3.3 Whilst being attached to this report, Members may also view the full report on the Councils' website via the above links.