

## OFFICER DECISIONS

Below is a list of decisions taken by Officers which they have classed as significant:-

**REF:**            **OD.001/14**            **Play Areas Review**

**Decision of**            Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:**            Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Broadoaks Grange play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :**            10-Feb-14

**REF:**            **OD.002/14**            **Play Areas Review**

**Decision of**            Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:**            Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Lonsdale Grange play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF:** OD.003/14 **Play Areas Review**

**Decision of** Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:** Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Scotby Gardens play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF:** OD.004/14 **Play Areas Review**

**Decision of** Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:** Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Sandysikes play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF:** OD.005/14 **Play Areas Review**

**Decision of** Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:** Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - St Edmunds Park play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF:            OD.006/14            Play Areas Review**

**Decision of**                      Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:**                      Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Sheffield Street play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :**            10-Feb-14

**REF:            OD.007/14            Play Areas Review**

**Decision of**                      Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:**                      Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Toronto Street play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review

of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF:** OD.008/14 **Play Areas Review**

**Decision of** Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:** Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Raiselands Road play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF:** OD.009/14 **Play Areas Review**

**Decision of** Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:** Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Borrowdale Road play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF: OD.010/14 Play Areas Review**

**Decision of** Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:** Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Peel Street play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF: OD.011/14 Play Areas Review**

**Decision of** Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:** Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Chesterholm play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF:** OD.012/14 **Play Areas Review**

**Decision of** Director of Local Environment

**Portfolio:** Environment and Transport

**Subject Matter:**

Removal of equipment - Coniston Way play area

**Summary of Options rejected:**

Additional funding for play area maintenance

**DECISION:**

To remove all fixed play equipment and level the site

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure sustainability of play facilities in accordance with the decision of the Executive on 28 October 2013: That the Executive 1. Approved the principles adopted for the review of children's play areas in Carlisle as set out in report LE.32/13; 2. Agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Local Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to implement the approved principles with regard to the individual play areas in line with the review findings.

**Date Decision Made :** 10-Feb-14

**REF:** OD.013/14      **Cumbria Business Rate Pool 2014/15**

**Decision of** Director of Resources

**Portfolio:** Finance, Governance and Resources

**Subject Matter:**

The City Council will join the Cumbria Business Rates Pool for 2014/15 in order to gain from the benefits of any growth in Business Rates being retained 100% within Cumbria

**Summary of Options rejected:**

None

**DECISION:**

The City Council will join the Cumbria Business Rate Pool for 2014/15

**Reasons for Decision:**

To join the Cumbria Business Rate Pool for 2014/15 to enable 100% of any growth in Business Rates across Cumbria to be retained within Cumbria enabling the City Council to share in this element that is retained.

The decision to join the pool was based on estimates and modelling of forecast Business Rate income in both Carlisle and the rest of Cumbria.

The position with regard to Business Rate income will be monitored closely and will be added to operational risk registers as fluctuations in Business Rate income will represent a financial risk to the Council's budget.

**Date Decision Made :** 15-Jan-14

**REF:** OD.014/14      **Council Tax Base 2014/15**

**Decision of** Director of Resources

**Portfolio:** Finance, Governance and Resources

**Subject Matter:**

In accordance with Section 2 (a) of the Council's Constitution (December 2012) Responsibility for Council Functions, the Director of Resources is required to calculate the council tax base on an annual basis.

**Summary of Options rejected:**



None

**DECISION:**

That, after making the necessary calculations in accordance with Regulations, the estimated Council Tax Base for 2014/15 is set at 31,014.29. The proportion of this tax base due to the reduction of second homes discount 159.76.

**Reasons for Decision:**

To set the basis upon which Council Tax is set for 2014/15 and to provide the required information to the main precepting authorities i.e. Cumbria County Council and the Police Authority by 31 January 2014 in accordance with Regulations

**Date Decision Made :** 15-Jan-14

**REF:** OD.015/14 **Council Tax Surplus 2014/15**

**Decision of** Director of Resources

**Portfolio:** Finance, Governance and Resources

**Subject Matter:**

In accordance with section 2 (b) of the Council's Constitution Leader's Scheme of Delegation, the Director of Resources is required to estimate any surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund.

**Summary of Options rejected:**

None

**DECISION:**

That, after making the necessary calculations in accordance with Regulations, the estimated Council Tax Surplus for 2014/15 is estimated at £416,789, which will be shared proportionally with the main preceptors on the Collection Fund as follows:

- Carlisle City Council - £54,702
- Cumbria County Council - £307,844
- Police Authority - £54,243

The Director of Resources has determined a recurring surplus of £35,647 in the MTFP. This is to allow the impact of the Local Support for Council Tax (Reduction) Scheme and technical changes to council tax to be spread over the life of the current MTFP. In the longer term, when the impact is understood better, the position will be reviewed

**Reasons for Decision:**

To set the basis upon which Council Surplus is set for 2014/15 and to provide the required information to the main precepting authorities i.e. Cumbria County Council and the Police Authority by 31 January 2014 in accordance with Regulations.

**Date Decision Made :** 15-Jan-14

**REF:** OD.016/14      **National Non Domestic Rates Return 1 (NNDR1) 2014/15**

**Decision of** Director of Resources

**Portfolio:** Finance, Governance and Resources

**Subject Matter:**

Revised regulations came into force in February 2013 that required Local Authorities to formally approve their forecast Business Rates income as calculated in the National Non Domestic Rates Return 1 (NNDR1) 2014/15 form.

The new Rates retention scheme that is now in force for 2014/15 and beyond, requires this figure to be calculated in order to set the amounts to be paid over to Central Government and the County Council.

This amount is to be calculated by 31 January each year.

**Summary of Options rejected:**

None

**DECISION:**

That the Net Rate Yield excluding transitional arrangements but after rate retention adjustment as per the NNDR 1 is £41,156,915 for 2014/15, with the Central Government share being £20,488,316, The County Council Share being £4,097,663 and the billing authority share being £16,570,936 before tariffs and top-ups. These amounts include the estimated deficit on the collection fund for 2013/14 of £413,890 (which includes provision for all backdated appeals in line with regulations)

**Reasons for Decision:**

Statutory requirement

**Date Decision Made :** 31-Jan-14