



Epping Forest District Council

DECISIONS

Committee:	CABINET
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3. MINUTES

Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 July 2019 be taken as read and signed by the Leader as a correct record.

7. COUNCIL HOUSEBUILDING CABINET COMMITTEE - 18 JUNE 2019

Decision:

It was noted that the Cabinet Committee had not made any recommendations to the Cabinet on this occasion.

**8. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE
20 JUNE AND 18 JULY 2019**

Decision:

It was noted that the Cabinet Committee had not made any recommendations to the Cabinet on this occasion.

**9. ASSET MANAGEMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CABINET
COMMITTEE - 27 JUNE 2019**

Decision:

It was noted that the Cabinet Committee had not made any recommendations to the Cabinet on this occasion.

10. BUDGET, MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Decision:

1. The Cabinet noted the increased integration of the 2019/20 Budget Mid-Year Review, Budget 2020/21 and medium-term and long-term financial planning processes.
2. The outline financial review and financial planning timetable and its timetable and its correlation with key meeting dates was noted.
3. The Cabinet commented in general and took note of the key issues that would underpin the 2020/21 Budget and medium-term and long-term financial plans.
4. The Cabinet noted that although early in the process of financial planning, at this point, a combination of local performance issues, local plans and cost pressures and local tax and charging uncertainties together with the general economic climate were putting pressure on the Budget and was increasing the need for savings, service changes and increase in council tax and charges.
5. The Cabinet noted that they may need to have Budget and financial planning meetings and updates in November 2019 and

January 2020, (in addition to the current timetable).

12. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Decision:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below as they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act indicated, and the exemption was considered to outweigh the potential public interest in disclosing the information:

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13. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - PROPERTY ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Decision:

- 1) That Cabinet recommend to Council approval and endorsement of an option to call on supplementary capital of up to £30 million for the purpose of general investment opportunities meeting the criteria outlined in the Asset Management Strategy (as approved by Cabinet in June 2019).
- 2) The Cabinet agreed to grant delegated authority in deciding to make acquisitions of suitable investment properties, to the Portfolio holder for Commercial and Regulatory Services *and* Portfolio Holder for Business Support in consultation with Leader of the Council.

14. PROPOSED LETTING OF LAND AT NWA TO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Decision:

- (1) The Cabinet agreed to the approval of a new lease of land at North Weald Airfield to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs for HGV parking and associated facilities to allow the operation of the checking the documentation of companies importing and exporting high value

goods.

(2) Alongside the more formal agreement concerning the use of the Airfield, the Cabinet agreed to seek other benefits from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in terms of infrastructure, planning, information exchange and other legacy benefits.

(3) That, pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Rule 53 (Special Urgency) of the Constitution, the Vice-Chairman of Council (in the absence of the Chairman) be requested to waive the call-in arrangements for this decision, as any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, as it would substantially lessen the time for negotiations with HMRC and thus the preparation time needed to prepare the airfield and surrounding roads for a no-deal exit from the European Union.