



Epping Forest District Council

DECISIONS

Committee:	CABINET
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3. MINUTES

Decision:

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 October 2020 be taken

as read and would be signed by the Leader as a correct record.

7. COUNCIL HOUSEBUILDING CABINET COMMITTEE - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Decision:

That the minutes of the Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee held on 08th September 2020 be noted.

8. INCOME RECOVERY STRATEGY AND POLICY

Decision:

The Cabinet agreed to the adoption and implementation of the updated Income Recovery Strategy and the Income Recovery Policy which set out Epping Forest District Council's approach to the maximisation of income and recovery of rent arrears ensuring compliance with current legislation and recognised best practice.

9. THE MORE THAN BRICKS AND MORTAR ESTATE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - EFDC CREATING GREAT PLACES WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE

Decision:

(1) The Cabinet agreed the principles of the More than Bricks and Mortar Estate Improvement Scheme ~ Creating Great Places where People want to Live.

(2) That in the first instance, the Cabinet agreed to pilot the scheme on Council Housing Revenue Account (HRA) housing estates who enjoyed fully constituted residents' groups.

10. FITNESS FOR HUMAN HABITATION ACT 2018 - OBLIGATIONS

Decision:

- (1) The Cabinet adopted the 5-year bin store replacement programme, to meet the Council's requirements under the Fitness for Human Habitation Act 2018. Funded from the HRA
- (2) The Cabinet noted the improvements to the Council's estates and the opportunity for increasing the Council's recycling, thus supporting the climate emergency.

11. NEW POLICY - DISPOSAL OF HRA ASSETS

Decision:

This report was withdrawn so that the Stronger Communities Select Committee could scrutinise and comment on it before it came back to the Cabinet for a decision

12. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND SCENE SETTING

Decision:

- (1) The Cabinet noted the contents of the report, including Appendix A (Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26); and
- (2) The Cabinet discussed and agreed any actions required, including the assumptions included in the MTFP and the potential options for addressing the underlying budget deficit in order to set a balanced budget for 2021/22.

14. 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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15. PROJECT BRIEF - KICKSTART**Decision:**

The Cabinet considered and agreed:

- (a) That the Council provide 8 – 10 Kickstart placements as an employer;
- (b) Officers continue to work towards a West Essex Partnership to deliver the Scheme and become a Kickstart Gateway; and
- (c) To progress the purchase of a support platform to support the Kickstart Scheme and other initiatives.

16. PROPOSED LETTING OF LAND AT NW AIRFIELD TO THE DEPT. OF HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**Decision:**

1. The Cabinet recognised that the proposal to extend the provision of an HMRC facility for a further five years formed part of the national preparations for the full exit from the European Union;
2. The Cabinet noted the overall concerns raised by the Council in its planning response, following discussions with North Weald Basset Parish Council and issues raised by other individuals;
3. The Cabinet agreed to set up a monthly monitoring meeting between HMRC, the Council and the Parish, (in addition to the day to day operational meetings with the North Weald Airfield Management); and
4. As a consequence of the national interest, the formal raising of concerns and the suggestion of a close local monitoring of the facility and its operation, the Cabinet agreed to the approval of a new lease of land at North Weald Airfield (NWA) to the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government for a Common Transit Convention System facility and to grant delegated authority for such lease and any required side letter to the Chief Executive of the Council in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

