



Epping Forest District Council

DECISIONS

Committee:	CABINET
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3. MINUTES

Decision:

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 November 2020 be taken as read and would be signed by the Leader as a correct record.

7. DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2021/22

Decision:

- (1) The Cabinet considered the draft budget proposals; and
- (2) requested that the Stronger Council Select Committee consider the draft budget proposals, and the emerging Medium-Term Financial Plan, and make comments to Cabinet for their consideration.

8. TELECARE PROVISION

Decision:

- (1) The Cabinet noted the update in relation to Essex County Council's procurement of a new care technology service for adult social care and the subsequent impact on EFDC's telecare provision; and
- (2) Agreed to the continuation of EFDC's own telecare service until June 2021 in light of Essex County Council's postponed procurement activity.

9. POST COVID PROJECTS, WALTHAM ABBEY TOWN CENTRE, WALTHAM ABBEY TOWN CENTRE HUB

Decision:

The Cabinet noted the covering report on Town Centres projects and initiatives.

10. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION - GENERAL REPORT

Decision:

The Cabinet noted the progress and issues that would arise in current and subsequent individual town centre reports.

11. WALTHAM ABBEY TOWN CENTRE

Decision:

1. The Cabinet considered the report produced by independent business consultants, Studio 3, on the economic viability of Waltham Abbey Town Centre, which includes recommendations to improve short and medium-term sustainability of businesses in Sun Street;
2. That Cabinet agreed to proceed with the recommended actions

contained within the report, including the proposal to introduce a Town Centres Project Manager, (Waltham Abbey and Ongar), on a fixed term basis for a period of 3 years at a cost of c£50k per annum. This postholder would organise and deliver on the specific project targets to lead and implement a phased programme of work in each of the Town Centre's across the district in conjunction with town and parish councils, businesses and other interested policies; and,

3. The Cabinet noted the bid for the 2021/22 budget that £150,000 be earmarked from the unallocated General Fund balance, to the District Development Fund Reserve, to fund the initiative – at £50,000 per annum – for three-years commencing 2021/22.

12. WALTHAM ABBEY COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL HUB

Decision:

1. In line with proposals outlined in the 2020/21 Budget, that the Cabinet agreed to support the creation of a Community and Cultural Hub in Waltham Abbey as part of phase 1 of the regeneration of the Town Centre. This would be achieved by combining Epping Forest District Museum (39-41 Sun Street) with Waltham Abbey Library (37 Sun Street), subject to Essex County Council contributions and statutory agreements; this would strengthen the community hub approach to service delivery currently being created with the Civic Office at its heart;

2. The Cabinet noted the bid for £1,540,000 for the 2021/22 budget to undertake the light refurbishment specifications, and that this included a 10% contingency for any unexpected costs;

3. The Cabinet agreed that officers be authorised to further explore the operational and management model for the hub with Essex County Council and associated service level agreement between EFDC and ECC for operation of the hub; and

4. That officers undertake further work as to the financing and completion of the project, noting that required resources were included in the current 2021/22 Budget Assumptions to meet any set-up costs and the borrowing costs that support the proposed capital expenditure.