



Epping Forest District Council

DECISIONS

Committee:	CABINET
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7. IMPROVING PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR LEASEHOLDERS

Decision:

- (1) The Cabinet accepted the recommendations from the Stronger

Place Select Committee and agreed that the revised options for payment (Capital works – Leaseholder contributions) be adopted and implemented.

(2) The Cabinet agreed the proposed level of interest to be applied, which was tapered to support leaseholders with repayment of charges.

(3) The Cabinet agreed that any repayment plan for a sum of £7500 or above was secured as a voluntary charge on the property.

(4) The Cabinet agreed that delegated authority to the relevant Director, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be approved in the matter of extreme hardship or in cases where the bill was likely to be in excess of £12,500.

8. HRA BUSINESS PLAN

Decision:

- (1) That Cabinet noted the verbal update from Stronger Communities and noted their recommendation to Cabinet for approval;
- (2) The Cabinet agreed to receive a yearly performance update, which would include stringent stress testing;
- (3) The Cabinet agreed to implement the proposed business plan, noting that the business plan included all assumed costs but not all income streams, as such the Cabinet also noted appendix B of the report which was an alternative plan including some potential income; and
- (4) The Cabinet noted the opportunity to improve our estates which would improve the life span of our assets and feed into our ongoing work to 'create great places where people want to live'.

9. HGGT FUTURE LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Decision:

- (1) The Cabinet agreed 'in principle' to explore the creation of a Harlow & Gilston Garden Town Joint Committee, consisting of representation by all five Partner Councils; and

(2) That the details of the constitution, priorities and operating model of the proposed Joint Committee would return to Epping Forest District Council for further consideration.

10. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION - AN UPDATE & PROGRESS REPORT

Decision:

(1) The Cabinet noted and endorsed the contents of the report and gave guidance on further priority activity.

(2) The Cabinet agreed that a district wide town teams' group be set up with representatives of the district and parish councils who were contributing financially to oversee the regeneration programme and advise on deployment.

(3) The Cabinet agreed to retain the town centre management function moving forward subject to getting a financial buy-in from the involved Town and Parish Councils.

11. QUALIS QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

Decision:

The Cabinet noted the report and recommended its consideration by Council.

12. BUDGET REPORT FOR 2022/23

Decision:

1) The Cabinet considered the final revenue and capital budget proposals for 2022/23 as presented in the report, together with the comments received from the Stronger Council Select Committee and made amendments that they considered necessary; and

2) The Cabinet recommend to Council:

a. The budget for 2022/23 and the updated Medium-Term Financial Plan; and

b. The level of Council Tax increase for 2022/23.

