



Epping Forest District Council

DECISIONS

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3. MINUTES

Decision:

- (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2011 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE - 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

Decision:

Sundry Income and Debt Policy

- (1) That the updated Sundry Income and Debt Policy be adopted; and
- (2) That a further report be considered by the Cabinet Committee, after the expiry of the Support Officer's contract, detailing a clear break down of the debts collected.

Medium Term Financial Issues Paper:

- (3) That the 2012/13 budget guidelines be set in accordance with the revised four year forecast as follows:
 - (a) the ceiling for Continuing Services Budget net expenditure be no more than £14.88million, including net growth;
 - (b) the ceiling for District Development Fund expenditure be no more than £763,000;
 - (c) balances continue to be aligned to the Council's net budget requirement and that balances be allowed to fall no lower than 25% of the net budget requirement; and
 - (d) the Council Tax not be increased, with the Council Tax for a band 'D' property remaining at £148.77;
- (4) That a revised Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period to 2015/16 be developed accordingly; and
- (5) That communication of the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy to staff, partners and other stakeholders be undertaken.

8. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CABINET COMMITTEE - 3 OCTOBER 2011

Decision:

Lee Valley White Water Centre Economic Development Study – Update

- (1) That the projects related to the 2012 Olympic Games being delivered by the Council and its partners be noted;
- (2) That the progress of and key findings and outputs from the Lee Valley White Water Centre Economic Study be noted; and
- (3) That the six-month proposed work programme for the Olympic Regeneration Officer be approved.

9. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS - BUDGET PROVISION 2012/13

Decision:

(1) That a District Development Fund (DDF) growth expenditure item in the sum of £ 148,000 (and a balancing DDF income item in the same sum) be included in the draft budget for 2012/13 in respect of the election of a Police & Crime Commissioner for Essex; and

(2) That, in the event there was any change in the funding regime when regulations were published, the Leader of Council be authorised to consider and include any revised figure for approval by the Council as part of next year's draft budget.

10. OFF STREET PARKING PROGRAMME

Decision:

(1) That the revised ranking table for future off-street parking schemes, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted;

(2) That, subject to the retention of the current budget for the off street parking programme within the revised Capital Programme and following the completion of the off-street parking schemes at Hillcroft in Loughton, Colebrook Gardens in Loughton, and School Lane in Abbess Roding, Wedge Contracts Ltd be instructed to continue with the construction of the next three schemes, which the Cabinet had already agreed be progressed to the planning stage at:

(a) Chester Close in Loughton;

(b) Harvey Gardens in Loughton; and

(c) Audley Gardens in Loughton; and

(3) That a detailed feasibility study be undertaken on the top three schemes on the revised ranking table, listed below, and a further report be received on the outcome to determine whether to grant authority to proceed to the construction phase at:

(a) Warmingford Court in Waltham Abbey;

(b) Barfields Gardens in Loughton; and

(c) Avenue Road in Theydon Bois.

11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW

Decision:

(1) That the latest five-year forecast of capital receipts be noted;

(2) That the level of usable capital receipts currently predicted to be £8.3million at 31 March 2016 be noted;

(3) That the revised Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2015/16 be approved; and

(4) That the following amendments to the Capital Programme be approved or, where relevant, recommended to Council to approve:

(a) carry forwards totalling £2.591million from 2011/12 to 2012/13 in respect of the capital schemes as outlined in the report;

(b) removal of the remaining sum of £173,000 in the General Capital Contingency;

(c) removal of the allocation of £378,000 set aside for the potential purchase of 8/8a Sun Street which was no longer necessary;

(d) removal of an anticipated underspend of £71,000 in respect of disabled facility grants to private households within the Housing General Fund in 2011/12;

(e) an additional allocation of £410,000 in the Housing Revenue Account capital programme in 2012/13 and 2013/14 to be financed from the increase in the Major Repairs Allowance; and

(f) virements within the Housing Revenue Account in respect of the categories of work identified in the report.

12. OFF-STREET CAR PARKING - TRAFFIC ORDERS

Decision:

(1) That the Director of Environment and Street Scene be authorised to advertise the draft Off Street Parking Order 2011;

(2) That, should objection be made to the Order within the statutory timescale, the Safer, Greener and Highways Portfolio Holder be given delegated authority to consider and determine such objections and, if appropriate, approve amendments to the Order;

(3) That, taking into account any possible objections, the Directors of Environment & Street Scene and Corporate Support Services be authorised to make and seal the order in accordance with the statutory regulations;

(4) That the Director of Environment & Street Scene, in consultation with the Safer, Greener & Highways Portfolio Holder be authorised to seek, consider, negotiate and issue permits and/or enter into contracts on behalf of the Council for Commercial Business Permits envisaged within the Parking Order; and

(5) That, subject to review each year by the Cabinet and approval of tariffs by the Council, the Director of Environment & Street Scene be authorised to publish notices under Section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable the implementation of future variations to parking.

13. SAFETY OF THE BUND AT NORTH WEALD AIRFIELD

Decision:

(1) That, for the on going assessment of the condition of the bund at North Weald Airfield, District Development Funding be sought in the sums of:

- (a) £3,000 for 2012/13;
- (b) £3,000 for 2014/15; and
- (b) £5,000 for 2015/16.

14. DOOR STEP TEXTILE COLLECTIONS

Decision:

- (1) That, in view of the success of the pilot scheme launched in April 2011, the doorstep textile collection service be continued;
- (2) That the estimated income of £2,130 derived from the sales of textiles collected at the door step, after deducting collection costs, be donated to the Chairman of Council's charities for 2011/12;
- (3) That any decision on income from the scheme in future years be kept under review;
- (4) That the scheme be advertised more widely throughout the District to increase its use by residents; and
- (5) That the doorstep textile collection service be included within the procurement exercise for the Council's bring schemes (i.e. recycling banks).

15. OLYMPIC GAMES - "LOOK & FEEL" AND TICKET ALLOCATION

Decision:

- (1) That a bid for £35,000 of District Development Fund (DDF) expenditure in 2012/13 for the funding of community Olympic "Look and Feel" schemes be approved;
- (2) That the local Town and Parish Councils be given the opportunity to request "Look and Feel" pound for pound match funding to assist their local communities in celebrating the 2012 Olympic Games;
- (3) That a bid for £3,000 of DDF expenditure be agreed in 2012/13 to purchase the Olympic and Paralympic Tickets awarded to the District Council;
- (4) That the Olympic and Paralympic Tickets awarded to the Council be allocated as follows:
 - (a) 2 x £150 Olympic Opening Ceremony tickets to the Citizen of the year 2012/13;
 - (b) 2 x £150 Olympic Closing Ceremony tickets to the Young Citizen of the Year 2012/13;
 - (c) 2 x £35 Olympic Canoe Slalom tickets to the Citizen of the Year Runner-Up 2012/13;
 - (d) 2 x £35 Olympic Canoe Slalom tickets to the Young Citizen of the Year Runner-Up 2012/13;

(e) 5 x £35 Olympic Canoe Slalom tickets to a person resident in the District and their family in the care of St Clare Hospice;

(f) 5 x £35 Olympic Canoe Slalom tickets to a young person resident in the District and their family participating at Chigwell Riding Trust for Special Needs;

(g) 5 x £35 Olympic Canoe Slalom tickets to a young person resident in the District and their family attending Oakview School in Loughton;

(h) 6 (3 pairs) x £35 Olympic Canoe Slalom tickets to residents of the District nominated by members of the public;

(i) 11 x £20 Olympic Canoe Slalom tickets for nine pupils and two teachers at King Harold School in Waltham Abbey;

(j) 14 (7 pairs) x £20 Olympic Canoe Slalom tickets to residents of the District nominated by members of the public;

(k) the estimated allocation of 6 (3 pairs) x £75 Paralympic Opening Ceremony tickets to residents of the District nominated by members of the public; and

(l) the estimated allocation of 6 (3 pairs) x £75 Paralympic Closing Ceremony tickets to residents of the District nominated by members of the public;

(5) That the allocation of the tickets nominated by members of the public be determined by a panel consisting of:

(a) the Chairman of the Council;

(b) the Leisure & Wellbeing Portfolio Holder; and

(c) the Council's Olympic Champion; and

(6) That neither Epping Forest District Councillors nor Epping Forest District Council Employees be nominators for, or recipients of, any publicly nominated tickets.

16. COUNCIL CREDIT RATING

Decision:

(1) That the previous decision made by the Cabinet on 18 July 2011 to obtain a credit rating for the Council be reversed, due to the unexpected reduction in interest charges by the Public Works Loans Board.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Decision:

(1) That in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, together with paragraphs (6) and (24) of the Council Procedure Rules, the Leader of the Council had permitted the following item of urgent

business to be considered following the publication of the agenda:

(a) Government Consultation – Local Government Resource Review: Proposals for Business Rates Retention.

18. GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE REVIEW: PROPOSALS FOR BUSINESS RATES RETENTION

Decision:

(1) That the Government proposals for Business Rates Retention be noted; and

(2) That the proposed response by the Council to the Government consultation on Business Rates Retention, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

