



Epping Forest District Council

DECISIONS

Committee:	CABINET
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3. MINUTES

Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2012 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. ST JOHNS ROAD, EPPING - DEVELOPMENT BRIEF PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Decision:

- (1) That the total expenditure or commitments of £130,000 involved to date in this project from the Local Plan budget be noted;
- (2) That a District Development Fund supplementary estimate in the sum of £115,000 be recommended to the Council for approval to cover expenditure from outside the Local Plan budget so as:
 - (a) to reinstate the sum of £105,000 to the Local Plan budget; and
 - (b) to provide £10,000 to cover further expenditure to produce the Development Brief for the Council;
- (3) That Contract Standing Orders C4, C15 and C16 - failure to use tender procedures rather than quotation procedures in urgently undertaking traffic counts and subsequent work - be waived; and
- (4) That the remaining expenditure and budget for this project be placed with the Director of Corporate Support Services.

8. LOCAL PLAN BUDGET REQUIREMENTS 2012/13, 2013/14 AND 2014/15

Decision:

- (1) That the estimated funding requirements in connection with the Local Plan over the next three financial years be noted;
- (2) That most of the sources of funding for this period would be provided from existing budgets be noted;
- (3) That the carry forward of any unspent monies from the District Development Fund in relation to the Local Plan during this three-year period be agreed;
- (4) That the provision of a further District Development Fund budget of £160,000 to ensure sufficient financial resources were available to the project be recommended to the Council for approval; and
- (5) That the contract periods for the following posts within the wider Forward Planning team each be extended by:
 - (a) a further year for the Forward Planning Assistant (post PPC24F);
 - (b) a further year for the Information and Technology Officer (post PPC20F); and
 - (c) a further two years for the Senior Planning Officer (PPC05F).

9. RETENTION OF ADDITIONAL RIGHT TO BUY RECEIPTS FOR COUNCIL HOMEBUILDING PROGRAMME- STANDARD AGREEMENT WITH CLG

Decision:

- (1) That the terms of the Standard Agreement produced by the

Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) under Section 11(6) of the Local Government Act 2003 - to enable local authorities to retain any additional Right to Buy (RTB) receipts generated as a result of the increased maximum RTB discount in order to fund the provision of replacement Council homes in their district - be noted;

(2) That the Director of Housing be authorised to enter into the Standard Agreement with the CLG on behalf of the Council and that, subject to Recommendation (3) below, the additional RTB receipts generated be utilised to help fund the Council's proposed Housebuilding Programme;

(3) That, subsequently, should it be identified that sufficient retained RTB receipts would not be spent before they would have to otherwise be returned to the CLG, a report be submitted to the Cabinet at the earliest opportunity to consider their alternative use allowed by the agreement, including:

(a) the acquisition of new Council homes on the open market; or

(b) social housing provided through local authority grants to one of the Council's Preferred Housing Association Partners; and

(4) That the financial implications to the Council if the Cabinet's decision was called-in be noted.

10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) - LOCAL PLAN

Decision:

(1) That the Local Development Scheme be adopted and published on the Council's website.

11. PURCHASE OF FIVE RANSOME MOWERS

Decision:

(1) That five Ransomes Highway3 ride-on mowers be purchased by the Directorate of Environment and Street Scene's Grounds Maintenance Section; and

(2) That, to facilitate the purchase, a supplementary capital estimate in the sum of £123,750 from the 2012/13 capital programme be recommended to the Council for approval.

12. FURNITURE EXCHANGE SCHEME

Decision:

(1) That a sum of £20,000 from the District Development Fund be carried forward from the 2011/12 financial year to the 2012/13 financial year to assist with the re-establishment of a Furniture Exchange Scheme within the District; and

(2) That the funding should not be released until such time as:

(a) there was surety and sufficient evidence that the Scheme would become operational; and

(b) the Director of Corporate Services was satisfied that the terms of the

lease and the legal and governance arrangements for the new scheme had no potential adverse financial or other implications for the Council.

13. KEY OBJECTIVES 2011-12 -OUTTURN PROGRESS

Decision:

(1) That the outturn progress in relation to the Council's Key Objectives for 2011/12 be noted.

