



Epping Forest District Council

DECISIONS

Committee:	CABINET
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Decision No:

4. MINUTES

Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 June 2017, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2018/19

Decision:

(1) That a public consultation exercise on the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2018/19 be undertaken between August and October 2017; and

(2) That the following elements of the scheme be approved for consultation purposes:

(a) the acceptance of the general principle that the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/18 should aim to be cost neutral for the Council;

(b) to seek views on alternative funding options for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme, if the Scheme is not cost neutral;

(c) the disregard of Bereavement Support Payment in the calculation in line with other welfare reforms;

(d) the introduction of technical changes relating to the assessment of Universal Credit income to allow for Local Council Tax Support to be awarded for a fixed period of six months before a review is undertaken; and

(e) a revision to the scheme in order to prevent an excess Council Tax discount being awarded, that would enable the Council, where appropriate, to decide the income to use in the calculation irrespective of any notification from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

10. EPPING FOREST DISTRICT DRAFT LOCAL PLAN - REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

Decision:

That the following be noted:

(a) the findings of the Draft Local Plan Consultation; and

(b) current progress in relation to the production of the Local Plan.

11. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME - MONITORING REPORT (APRIL/MAY 2017)

Decision:

That the progress of projects and programmes within the Transformation Programme for April and May 2017 and planned actions for June 2017, be noted.

13. FINANCE & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE - 22 JUNE 2017

Decision:

Provisional Revenue Outturn 2016/17

(1) That the provisional 2016/17 revenue outturn for the General Fund and

Housing Revenue Account be noted;

(2) That £1million from the General Fund be used to finance capital expenditure in 2016/17;

(3) That as detailed in the appendix to the minutes of the meeting of the Committee, the carry forward of £1,301,000 District Development Fund and £107,000 Invest to Save Reserve expenditure, be noted;

Provisional Capital Outturn 2016/17

(4) That the provisional outturn report for 2016/17 be noted;

(5) That retrospective approval for the over and underspends in 2016/17 on certain capital schemes identified in the report made to the Committee, be agreed;

(6) That the carry forward of unspent capital estimates into 2017/18, relating to schemes on which slippage had occurred, be agreed;

(7) That the funding proposals outlined in the report made to the Committee in respect of the capital programme in 2016/17, be agreed;

Corporate Risk Register

(8) That the effectiveness of controls/actions and required further management action for Risk 1 (Local Plan) be updated as set out in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee;

(9) That the effectiveness of controls/actions and required further management action for Risk 2 (Strategic Sites) be updated as set out in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee;

(10) That the effectiveness of controls/actions and required further management action for Risk 5 (Economic Development) be updated as set out in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee; and

(11) That the amended Corporate Risk Register be agreed.

14. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Decision:

That, under 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 on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

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15. PYRLES LANE NURSERY, LOUGHTON - DISPOSAL

Decision:

(1) That the disposal of the Pyrles Lane Nursery Site, on the basis of the external valuation report and the insertion of an overage agreement into the sales particulars to the benefit of the Council if any future developer was to achieve a planning permission for a scheme with increased density, be agreed;

(2) That the sale of the site be subject to a requirement that the purchaser must enter into a separate Development Agreement with the Council requiring the affordable rented housing for the development to be sold to the Council (with any shared ownership homes sold to one of the Council's Preferred Housing Association Partners) on practical completion, on the following basis:

(a) that tenderers provide two prices as follows:

(i) one price on the basis that all of the affordable housing will be purchased by the Council for affordable rented properties; and

(ii) one price on the basis that, in accordance with the Council's proposed new Housing Strategy, at least 75% of the affordable housing will be purchased by the Council for affordable rented properties and the remaining affordable housing will be purchased by one of the Council's Preferred Housing Association Partners for shared ownership, in accordance with the shared ownership policies set out in the proposed Housing Strategy;

(b) that tenderers for the purchase of the site be required to submit their tenders on the basis of the Council (and, in the case of any shared ownership properties, a Preferred Housing Association Partner) paying specified sums set out in the tender documents to purchase different individual property types, sizes and tenure of affordable housing, through the proposed separate Development Agreement;

(c) That the specified purchase sums for the affordable housing be assessed on the same basis as the assumptions used by the Council for the recent purchase of the affordable housing from the private developer at Barnfield, Roydon, but with affordable rent levels based on current levels and Local Housing Allowances for Loughton; and

(d) That, as the Council is only able to utilise its 'one-for-one replacement' capital receipts for the purchase of affordable rented homes and not shared ownership homes, the financial implications of this restriction be set out in the report to be made to the Cabinet on the tenders received; and

(3) That provision be made within the Council's Capital Programme from any future receipt of £100,000 to undertake the necessary alteration works to accommodate the Nursery and Landscape Service at the Townmead Depot at Waltham Abbey.

