



# Epping Forest District Council

## DECISIONS

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
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### **3. MINUTES**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2016 be taken as read and signed by the Leader of Council as a correct record.

**7. ASSET MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CABINET COMMITTEE - 30 JUNE 2016**

**Decision:**

(1) That the minutes of the meeting of the Asset Management & Economic Development Cabinet Committee, held on 30 June 2016, be noted.

**8. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE - 14 JULY 2016**

**Decision:**

Financial Issues Paper

(1) That the establishment of a new budgetary framework, outlining the budget guidelines for 2017/18 be set, with the following elements:

(a) the ceiling for Continuing Services Budget net expenditure to be no more than £13.107million including net growth;

(b) the ceiling for District Development Fund expenditure to be no more than £259,000;

(c) balances continue to be aligned to the Council's net budget requirement and be allowed to fall no lower than 25% of the net budget requirement; and

(d) the District Council Tax not be increased with the charge for a Band 'D' property remaining at £148.77 per annum;

(2) That a revised Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period to 2019/20 be developed accordingly;

(3) That communication of the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy to staff, partners and other stakeholders be undertaken;

(4) That the reductions for the Parish support grants in equal stages to achieve complete removal by 2019/10 be taken forward; and

(5) That the Government's offer of a four-year funding settlement be taken forward.

**9. EQUALITY POLICY 2016**

**Decision:**

(1) That the Council's Equality Policy 2016 be recommended to the Council for adoption.

**10. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION STRATEGY**

**Decision:**

(1) That the Consultation Strategy for the draft Local Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be agreed.

## **11. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME - MONITORING REPORT JUNE/JULY 2016**

### **Decision:**

(1) That the progress of the projects within the Transformation Programme for June and July 2016, alongside the planned actions for August 2016, be noted.

## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Decision:**

(1) That the Environmental Charter, attached at Appendix 1 of the report, and the associated Commitments and Actions, attached at Appendix 2 of the report, be endorsed; and

(2) That the Environmental Charter be approved for signature by the Leader of Council and the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council.

## **13. CORPORATE PLAN - KEY ACTION PLAN 2017/18**

### **Decision:**

(1) That the Corporate Plan Key Action Plan for 2017/18 be recommended to the Council for approval; and

(2) That the Leader of Council, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to agree any further changes to the Action Plan following its approval by the Council.

## **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Decision:**

(1) That, as agreed by the Leader of Council and in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the following items of urgent business be considered following the publication of the agenda:

(a) Car Parking and Affordable Housing Plan – Vere Road, Loughton.

## **15. CAR PARKING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN - VERE ROAD, LOUGHTON**

### **Decision:**

(1) That Option 3 within the report, a balanced approach to Affordable Housing and Public Car Parking, be pursued to provide a cohesive Car Parking and Affordable Housing Plan for Vere Road, Loughton;

(2) That the previous Cabinet decision to provide Moat Housing with a 999-year lease to develop Site 1 (see Appendix 1 of the report) for affordable housing be rescinded and that approximately 50 car parking spaces for the use of residents of the private development by Higgins Homes on the site of the former Winston Churchill Public House be constructed on Site 1, with the construction costs met by Higgins Homes in accordance with the Development Agreement between the two parties;

(3) That Site 2 (see Appendix 1) be re-constructed by Higgins Homes to provide approximately 8 car parking spaces for the Higgins Homes development and

approximately 55 public car parking spaces, with the construction costs met by Higgins Homes;

(4) That Site 3 (see Appendix 1) be marked-out, equipped and included within the Council's pay and display regime to provide approximately 7 public pay and display car parking spaces;

(5) That the 20 Council-owned garages on Site 4 (see Appendix 1) be demolished and that Site 4 be re-constructed and equipped to provide approximately 34 public car parking spaces;

(6) That planning permission be sought for the development of 10 affordable rented flats, with associated car parking, on Site 5 (see Appendix 1) in accordance with the Development Appraisal already approved by the Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee; and

(7) That the Director of Neighbourhoods be authorised to:

(a) obtain a budget estimate for the cost of reconstructing and equipping Sites 3 and 4 (see Appendix 1) for the provision of this work; and

(b) seek the inclusion of appropriate budget provision for the work within the Capital Programme for 2017/18, when the Capital Programme was next reviewed.