

RECORD OF DECISIONS - CABINET TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2024

<p>Key</p>	<p>14 - Car Park Tariff and changes to the management and use of car parks</p> <p>RESOLVED: that following consideration of the consultation responses and the petition submitted by Saffron Walden BID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve the parking tariffs and changes to the management of the car parks as set out in paragraph 10, and as amended in paragraph 11 of the supplementary report. ii. Agree the season ticket option for Stansted to be as set out in table 4. iii. Officers be authorised to implement the approved tariff and management changes as set out in the timetable at paragraph 50 of the committee report. 	<p>Reasons: The council in partnership with North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) commissioned a Parking review across the district. One specific area of the review looked at our current parking tariffs which have not had a complete review for 8 years; previous tariff changes were implemented in 2015. A further detailed review was then commissioned to focus on our car park tariffs. This identified that it would be reasonable to increase the charges across all our car parks.</p> <p>Other Options considered: At the meeting of Scrutiny, the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Economy announced that following the Cabinets review of the consultation responses and the petition submitted by the Saffron Walden BID, it has been agreed to amend the original proposals. These are reflected in the supplementary report.</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet: None</p> <p>In respect of any conflict of interest declared, whether dispensation is in existence for that interest: N/A</p>
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<p>Non-Key</p>	<p>10 - Lord Butler Leisure Centre - RAAC</p> <p>RESOLVED: to approve funding a 25% share of the cost of the RAAC in the sum of £41,147.</p>	<p>Reasons: The total financial impact of the RAAC and the closure of a section of the Leisure Centre for approx. a year was £164,587, and partners of the PFI have been requested to share the cost in equal proportions.</p> <p>Other Options considered: Uttlesford has no legal obligation to contribute to the cost of the works, any</p>
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		<p>contribution would be made in the spirit of partnership working and as a one off gesture of goodwill.</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet: None</p> <p>In respect of any conflict of interest declared, whether dispensation is in existence for that interest: N/A</p>
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<p>Non-Key</p>	<p>12 - Allocation of Grant Funding (Sports Provision Major Projects)</p> <p>RESOLVED: that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A grant of £37,000 is awarded to Takeley Parish Council for major improvements to the recreation ground. ii. A grant of £17,000 is awarded to Dunmow United Football Club towards rebuilding their clubhouse, which was removed due to asbestos. 	<p>Reasons: To provide funding to organisations that have applied for the Sports Provision Major Projects Grants as recommended by the Grants Panel.</p> <p>Other Options considered: None</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet: None</p> <p>In respect of any conflict of interest declared, whether dispensation is in existence for that interest: N/A</p>
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<p>Non-Key</p>	<p>8 - Quarter 2 Financial Forecast - 2023/24</p> <p>RESOLVED: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the contents of this report, in particular the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and capital programme forecast outturn positions, and updated prudential indicators. ii. Approve the General Fund revenue virements set out at paragraphs 20-21. iii. Approve the General Fund reserve movements set out at paragraphs 29-34, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. to separately identify £1 million of the £6.903 million Medium Term Financial Strategy reserve balance as at 1 April 2023 as a transformation reserve; ii. to transfer £1 million from the business rates reserve to the transformation reserve; and iii. to transfer £4 million from the business rates reserve to the MTFS reserve. iv. Approve the repurposing of the 	<p>Reasons:</p> <p>The report sets out the latest forecast financial performance of the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account, and capital programme, together with a summary of the Council's treasury management position and updated prudential indicators. It is based upon actual income and expenditure from April to September 2023, together with forecasts for the remainder of the financial year. Furthermore, a small number of General Fund revenue and capital virements have been put forward for Cabinet approval as part of the report.</p> <p>Other Options considered:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>In respect of any conflict of interest declared, whether dispensation is in existence for that interest:</p> <p>N/A</p>
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	£160,000 HRA revenue projects reserve as a transformation reserve, and the transfer of £420,000 of the forecast HRA surplus into this reserve in 2023/24, as set out at paragraph 41.	
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Non-Key	<p>11 - Ending Introductory Tenancies</p> <p>RESOLVED: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. approve the ending of introductory tenancies and the granting of secure tenancies to all new tenants. ii. approve and adopt the revised Tenancy Policy, pending further review. iii. approve the issue of new secure tenancies to all tenants currently on introductory tenancies unless there is current enforcement action being taken to end the tenancy. 	<p>Reasons: The Council's Tenancy Policy has been updated to reflect the ending of introductory tenancies. It is proposed to be a better use of housing officer time if the administration of Introductory Tenancies is removed, a new programme of tenancy audits for all tenants is adopted and all new tenants are granted a secure tenancy from the start of their tenancy.</p> <p>Other Options considered: None.</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet: None.</p> <p>In respect of any conflict of interest declared, whether dispensation is in existence for that interest: N/A</p>
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<p>Key</p>	<p>13 - Zero Carbon Communities Grants</p> <p>RESOLVED: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the evaluation and selection process that has been undertaken to determine the successful projects in this funding round. ii. Approve the list of successful projects agreed by the selection panel as listed in Appendix 2. iii. Note that five of the successful applications (Appendix 2, nos. 1, 2, 10, 12, 15) meet the Rural England Prosperity Fund criteria for capital funding, for community net zero infrastructure projects. These projects are to receive full funding. 	<p>Reasons: The grant provides an opportunity for the Council to support a programme of community engagement on climate action.</p> <p>Other Options considered: None.</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet: None.</p> <p>In respect of any conflict of interest declared, whether dispensation is in existence for that interest: N/A</p>
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<p>Non-Key</p>	<p>15 - Corporate Plan 2023-27</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the updated Corporate Plan 2023-2027 is recommended to Council for approval.</p>	<p>Reasons: The Corporate Plan has been reviewed annually and the latest revised iteration is presented alongside the budget, medium term financial strategy and other strategic reports.</p> <p>Other Options considered: None.</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet:</p>

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<p>Key</p>	<p>16 - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2029 and Annual Budget 2024/25</p> <p>RESOLVED: to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. note and have regard to the section 25 report when considering the budgets for 2024/25; ii. note the risk assessment relating to the robustness of estimates as set out at paragraph 9 of the section 25 report; iii. recommend to Council that the working balances for 2024/25 be set at £1.909million for the General Fund and £654,000 for the Housing Revenue Account; iv. recommend to Council the approval of the Commercial Strategy 2024-29; v. note the key risks and assumptions set out at paragraph 30 of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2029; vi. recommend to Council the approval of 	<p>Reasons: The Council is required to prepare detailed budget reports to enable the annual budgets for the General Fund and Council Tax, Housing Revenue Account and the Capital Programme to be set.</p> <p>Other Options considered: None.</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet: None.</p> <p>In respect of any conflict of interest declared, whether dispensation is in existence for that interest: N/A</p>
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	<p>the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-2029 (as amended by the Addendum to this report);</p> <p>vii. recommend to Council the approval of an increase in the sector limit for other investments from £2million to £3million, as detailed at paragraph 50 of the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25;</p> <p>viii. recommend to Council the setting of the treasury management prudential indicators as set out at paragraphs 63-71 of the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25 (as amended by the Addendum to this report);</p> <p>ix. recommend to Council the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25 (as amended by the Addendum to this report);</p> <p>x. recommend to Council the approval of an increase in both the authorised limit and operational boundary for other long term liabilities from £5million to £10 million, as set out in paragraphs 25-26 of the Capital Strategy 2024/25;</p> <p>xi. recommend to Council the approval of the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2024/25 as set out at Annexe E1;</p>	
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	<p>xii. recommend to Council the setting of the capital prudential indicators as summarised at Annexe E2 (as amended by the Addendum to this report);</p> <p>xiii. recommend to Council the approval of the Capital Strategy 2024/25 (as amended by the Addendum to this report);</p> <p>xiv. recommend to Council the approval of the Capital Programme 2024/25 - 2028/29, including the planned application of capital financing set out at Annexe F4;</p> <p>xv. recommend to Council the approval of increases in HRA rents as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General needs, supported accommodation and temporary accommodation – a 7.7% increase in accordance with the cap set by government for social rents; - Garage rents – to be increased in line with September 2023 CPI (6.7%) <p>xvi. recommend to Council the approval of the changes in HRA support and service charges set out at paragraphs 21-27 of the Housing Revenue Account budget report;</p>	
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	<p>xvii. recommend to Council the approval of the proposed HRA reserve movements for 2024/25 set out at paragraphs 47-50;</p> <p>xviii. recommend to Council the approval of the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024/25;</p> <p>xix. recommend to Council the approval of the Council Tax Requirement for 2024/25 of £7,055,774, equivalent to £176.74 for a band D property, representing a £5.13 increase on the 2023/24 amount;</p> <p>xx. recommend to Council the approval of the proposed General Fund reserve movements for 2024/25 as set out at paragraphs 63-66 of the General Fund budget report (as amended by the Addendum to this report), including the use of £1.176million from the Medium Term Financial Strategy reserve to balance the General Fund budget;</p> <p>xxi. recommend to Council the approval of the schedule of fees and charges for 2024/25 as set out at Annexe H5 (as amended by the Addendum to this report);</p> <p>xxii. recommend to Council the delegation of authority to the Strategic Director of Finance,</p>	
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	<p>Commercialisation and Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer) to set and/or amend fees and charges in relation to services which are operating in competition with commercial providers, for example trade waste;</p> <p>xxiii. recommend to Council the approval of the General Fund budget for 2023/24 (as amended by the Addendum to this report); and</p> <p>xxiv. note the contents of the Budget Consultation Report 2024/25</p>	
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Key	<p>18 - Sale of a Commercial Portfolio Asset(s)</p> <p>RESOLVED: to</p> <p>i. Endorse the view of the Investment Board that the Directors of Aspire (CRP) Limited should commence marketing and complete the sale of the 50% share of Chesterford Research Park, subject to Full Council approval.</p> <p>ii. Recommend to Council that, in accordance with CIPFA guidelines, the receipt is used to reduce short term</p>	<p>Reasons: The Commercial Portfolio – Annual Review report has identified that there would be a positive benefit to the Council from selling one of the commercial assets.</p> <p>Other Options considered: None.</p> <p>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet: None.</p> <p>In respect of any conflict of interest declared, whether dispensation is in existence for that interest: N/A</p>
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