

## Notes of Key Decisions/Actions

**Meeting:** Council

**Date:** Wednesday, 20 July 2022

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>1</b> Minutes	The Minutes from the 14th April and 11th May were agreed.  C Hamilton gave an announcement referring to the minutes of the 13 th April.
<b>2</b> Declarations of Interest	None
<b>3</b> Public Participation	There was a question from a member of the public to Cllr Alan Anderson.
<b>4</b> Announcements	<b>4.1 By the Mayor:</b>  None  <b>4.2 By the Chief Executive:</b>  Update given under item 1 - Minutes.  <b>4.3 By the Group Leaders:</b>  Cllr Williams gave apologies for Cllrs Durrant, Timmis, Silwal & Johnson  Cllr Tindall gave apologies for Cllrs Foster, Cllr Wilkie, Cllr Pringle, Cllr McDowell & Cllr Ransley  <b>4.4 Council Leader and Members of the Cabinet:</b>  Full details can be found in the full minutes.
<b>5</b> Motions	<b>Motion One. Proposed by Cllr. Ron Tindall</b>  1. This motion calls upon the Council to address the present Cost of Living Crisis which is a complex problem which may be with us for some years. The Ofgem energy price cap has risen by 54%, the pension's triple lock has been suspended, and food and petrol price rises have contributed to the highest levels of inflation for nearly 30 years.  2. Whilst the opportunities for action at local level are limited, it is important this council does what it can to ease the pressures on our residents. Therefore, this Council resolves as a matter of urgency to

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	<p>a. instruct officers to look at and improve the current support mechanisms available to residents,</p> <p>b. arrange discussions with all concerned organisations across Dacorum including food banks and the voluntary sector, and</p> <p>c. initiate discussions with Council Tax Preceptors regarding 2023/2024</p> <p>With the purpose of enabling proposals to be brought forward in a timely manner to provide assistance and support for those most in need in our communities.</p> <p>Cllr Williams proposed an alternative motion, which was accepted by Cllr Tindall.</p> <p>Alternative Motion :</p> <p>1 This motion calls upon the Council to recognise the present cost of living crisis which is likely to be with us for some years causing challenges for many in our community. The Ofgem price cap has risen by 54%, the pension's triple lock has been suspended and food and fuel price rises have contributed to the highest level of inflation for nearly 30 years.</p> <p>2 The Council welcomes the 37 Billion pounds of support the government has already committed to help families through the crisis but recognises that many will require more support whilst the opportunities for action at local level are limited it is important that we do what we can. Therefore this council resolves to</p> <p>a. Work with the Community and Voluntary sector partners to hold a Cost of Living Symposium to fully understand the extent of local issues and discuss potential solution</p> <p>b. Instruct officers to review current support mechanisms available to residents following the symposium.</p> <p>c. Work county-wide to ensure that collectively we ensure that we maximise the support available.</p> <p>With the purpose of enabling proposals to be brought forward in a timely manner to provide assistance and support for those most in need in our communities.</p> <p>The alternative motion was put to a vote.</p> <p>The Council voted unanimously in favour of this alternative Motion proposed by Cllr Williams.</p> <p><b>Motion Two. Proposed by Cllr., Garrick Stevens</b></p> <p>1. While acknowledging that home ownership is an aspiration for many, this Council also recognises that many in the community will, for various reasons, be unable or unwilling to be other than a lifetime tenant of a Registered Social Landlord ['RSL or Housing Assn']. In this Borough approximately 5,000 dwellings are owned by RSLs and they make a vital contribution to the provision of affordable housing in the rental sector.</p>

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	<p>2. The Government has made a proposal to introduce the Right to Buy to tenants of Housing Associations. Until now this has been restricted to tenants of public sector housing stock.</p> <p>3. To safeguard the property and other assets of Housing Assns/RSL, which are independent corporate bodies, and to maintain the stock of local housing for rent [or shared ownership], this Council -</p> <p>Calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Minister at DLUHCG, [with copies to the respective MPs, -</p> <p>a. requesting that the Government proceeds with its proposals only with an unequivocal commitment to ensure that any dwelling so removed from the RSL Housing stock in the Borough shall be replaced on a 1 -for- 1 basis, and</p> <p>b. the Government provide the additional funding to meet the full replacement costs to include provision for the supply of land within the Borough.</p> <p>Cllr England proposed an alternative motion, the motion was as follows</p> <p>1. While acknowledging that home ownership is an aspiration for many, this Council also recognises that many in the community will, for various reasons, be unable or unwilling to be other than a lifetime tenant of a Registered Social Landlord [‘RSL or Housing Assn’]. In this Borough approximately 5,000 dwellings are owned by RSLs and they make a vital contribution to the provision of affordable housing in the rental sector.</p> <p>2. The Government has made a proposal to introduce the Right to Buy to tenants of Housing Associations. Until now this has been restricted to tenants of public sector housing stock.</p> <p>3. To safeguard the property and other assets of Housing Assns/RSL, which are independent corporate bodies, and to maintain the stock of local housing for rent [or shared ownership], this Council -</p> <p>Calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Minister at DLUHCG, [with copies to the respective MPs,</p> <p>a. requesting that the Government proceeds with its proposals “and forthcoming consultation” only with an unequivocal commitment to ensure that any dwelling so removed from the RSL Housing Stock in the Borough shall be replaced on a 1 -for- 1 basis, and</p> <p>b. the Government provide the additional funding to meet the full replacement costs to include provision for the supply of land within the Borough.</p> <p>The Council voted on the Alternative motion</p> <p>For 13 Against 20 Abstain 3</p>

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	<p>The motion failed</p> <p>The Council voted on the substantive motion</p> <p>For 13 Against 20 Abstain 3</p> <p>The substantive motion also failed</p>
<p><b>6</b> Questions</p>	<p>The following people asked questions and the full details can be found in the full minutes</p> <p>Cllr England to Cllr Williams Cllr Hobson to Cllr Banks Cllr Symington to Cllr Barratt Cllr Symington to Cllr Williams Cllr Symington to Cllr Anderson</p>
<p><b>7</b> Business from the last council meeting</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b>8</b> Cabinet referrals</p>	<p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p>That the following be approved:</p> <p><b><u>13 April 2022</u></b></p> <p>Item 8.1 CA/32/22 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan Update</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>1. Council approved the updated Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan</p> <p><b>Recommendation agreed</b></p> <p><b><u>12 July 2022</u></b></p> <p>Item 8.2 CA/55/22 Provisional Financial Outturn 2021-22</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>2. Council approved the following General Fund reserve movements in respect of 2021-22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £0.009m surplus Filming income to be transferred to the Dacorum</li> </ul>

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	<p>Development Reserve, to be drawn down in 2022-23 for work on town centre improvements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £0.216m surplus CIL admin income to be transferred to the Dacorum Development Reserve to support the costs of CIL administration in future years.</li> <li>• £0.565m overall General Fund surplus to be transferred to a new reserve- Inflationary Pressures- in order to meet unexpected inflationary pressures brought about by fluctuations in the current economy.</li> </ul> <p>3. Council approved the following General Fund reserve movements in respect of 2022-23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £0.022m draw down from the Dacorum Development reserve to support the cost of the Armed Forces event in 2022-23.</li> <li>• £0.020m draw down from the Dacorum Development reserve to support the cost of the Queen's Baton relay event in 2022-23.</li> <li>• £0.150m reserve draw down from the Dacorum Development reserve for Berkhamsted Leisure Centre redevelopment planning.</li> </ul> <p>4. Council approved an HRA transfer of £0.020m to the HRA Lift sinking fund reserve.</p> <p>5. Council approved the following slippage on the capital programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £2.777m to be slipped to 2022-23 in respect of General Fund capital schemes.</li> <li>• £0.595m to be slipped to 2022-23 in respect of Housing Revenue Account capital schemes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation agreed</b></p> <p>Item 8.3 CA/56/22 Chief Housing Officer Post</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>1 Council approved an additional post of Chief Housing Officer to be added to the establishment which will sit at Tier 3 within the Corporate Leadership Team</p> <p>2 Council approved a total budget for the post of up to £130,000 per annum.</p> <p><b>Recommendation agreed</b></p>

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	<p>Item 8.3 CA/59/22 PMO (Project Management Office) Resource Funding</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>2. Council approved the funding of £170,000 to temporarily fund the Cabinet <a href="http://www.dacorum.gov.uk">www.dacorum.gov.uk</a> General Fund PMO while permanent resource is planned and implemented.</p> <p><b>Recommendation agreed</b></p> <p>Item 8.4 CA/61/22 Constitution update</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>1. Council agreed the amendments to Part 3 of the Constitution as highlighted in the report and shown in tracked changes on the attached document entitled “Constitution – Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions”</p> <p>2. Council agreed the amendments to Part 4 of the Constitution as highlighted in the report and shown in tracked changes on the attached document entitled “Constitution – Part 4 – Rules of Procedure”</p> <p>3. Council agreed the amendments to the Council’s Financial Regulations as highlighted in the report and shown in tracked changes on the attached document entitled “Financial Regulations v.1.1”</p> <p>4. Council approved the proposed amendment to Commissioning and Procurement Standing Orders as set out in section 4.5 to the report.</p> <p><b>Recommendation agreed</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> Overview and Scrutiny referrals</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b>10</b> Changes to committee membership</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b>11</b> Change to committee dates</p>	<p>None</p>

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<b>12</b> Call in and Urgency Procedure	Council were informed of an urgent (Part 2) Portfolio Holder Decision.  This is for information purposes only.  PH-014-22-Leisure Contract
<b>13</b> Exclusion of the Public	None

The meeting ended at 10.05 pm