Notes of Key Decisions/Actions

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 17 October 2023

Agenda Item	Decision
1 Minutes	Cabinet Agreed the minutes of the previous meeting.
2 Apologies for Absence	There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Symington and Weston
3 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
4 Public Participation	There was no public participation.
5 Referrals to Cabinet	There were no referrals to Cabinet.
6 Cabinet Forward Plan	The forward plan was noted
7 Annual Treasury Report	Resolved To Recommend Cabinet recommended that Council approve the contents of the report on Treasury Management performance and the Prudential Indicators for 2022/23.
8 Mid Term Financial Strategy	 Approved the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 to 2027/28 as set out in Appendix A to the report; Noted four year General Fund savings requirement of £4.4m for the duration of the MTFS. Noted that the Chief Finance Officer will work with the Council's Strategic Leadership Team and Cabinet to identify and deliver options that will achieve the medium term saving targets identified within the strategy; Endorsed the Financial Planning Framework to support the budget-setting process for 2024/25; Agreed that the Chief Finance Officer be requested to revise the

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	 Medium Term Financial Strategy and re-present to Cabinet and Council for approval if material changes to forecasts are required following future Government announcements. 6. Noted that, as part of the annual CFO statement in the budget report in February 2023, the Chief Finance Officer (S151) was required to report on the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves. At that point in time the CFO confirmed that the level of reserves and balances were adequate to mitigate the foreseeable risks. Note that, at this point in time the position, as reported, is unchanged.
9 Lease Variation	Cabinet Supported the request to submit an application to the First Tier Tribunal (FTT) to vary DBC's leases.
10 The Local Plan	Resolved to Recommend
	Cabinet recommended that Council that the Revised Strategy for Growth (Appendix 1) be published for consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
	2. Cabinet approved the revised timetable for the Local Plan as detailed in the Local Development Scheme (Appendix 2) and delegates authority to the Strategic Director (Place) to make any final minor editorial and typographical revisions to the document including any necessary to reflect the Cabinet's discussions and decision
	3. Cabinet considered the views of Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and officer response (Appendix 4) and sets out any changes to be made to the consultation document.
	Resolved to Recommend
	 Cabinet recommended that Council delegates authority to make changes to the Revised Strategy for Growth, including any necessary to reflect the Cabinet's and/or Council discussions and decision, to the Strategic Director – Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Place.
11	Cabinet
South West Herts Joint Strategic Vision	Noted the feedback received on the SW Herts Joint Strategic Plan

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	Regulation 18 consultation;
	2. Endorsed the revised Vision and Objectives for the Plan, incorporating
	changes recommended as a result of the consultation responses (see
	Appendix 3);
	 Agreed the recommended changes to the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (see Appendix 4); and
	4. Delegated authority to the Strategic Director –Place, in consultation
	with the Leader of the Council/Portfolio Holder for Place to agree any
	non-substantive changes, finalise and publish:
	(a) a document setting out the revised Vision and Objectives; and
	(b) an updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.
12 Exclusion of the	To consider passing a resolution in the following terms:
Public	That, under s.100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Part 1 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during the items in Part 2 of the Agenda for this meeting, because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that, if members of the public were present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Council and third party companies/organisations. Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 3 & 5

The meeting ended at 7.57 pm