

## Notes of Key Decisions/Actions

**Meeting:** Cabinet

**Date:** Tuesday, 12 December 2023

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>1</b> Minutes	Cabinet Agreed the minutes of the previous meeting.
<b>2</b> Apologies for Absence	There were apologies from Cllr England and Cllr Wilkie.
<b>3</b> Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
<b>4</b> Public Participation	There was no public participation.
<b>5</b> Referrals to Cabinet	There were no referrals to Cabinet.
<b>6</b> Cabinet Forward Plan	Legal & Shared Services to be removed from January Cabinet, he advised this would be scheduled later in the year.  The forward plan was noted.
<b>7</b> CVS Grant Funding Proposals	Cabinet:  1. Endorsed the principle of a direct award grants based approach to funding the Voluntary and Community Sector as set out in the report  2. Agreed that awards be made to the following organisations for a three year period, with an option to extend for a further two years upon review, for the sums set out in section 5.1:  (a) Citizens Advice Dacorum (b) Community Action Dacorum (c) Herts Age UK (d) Relate Dacorum, Watford and Three Rivers with Mediation Hertfordshire  3. Delegated any decision to implement the two year extension to the Portfolio Holder for Place

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	<p><b>RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND</b></p> <p>4. <b>Recommended to Council</b> that authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer and the Head of Commercial Development to amend the Procurement and Commissioning Standing Orders to allow for a direct award approach to grant funding</p>
<p><b>8</b> Quarterly Strategic Risk Register</p>	<p>Cabinet: Approved the Q1 and Q2 2023-24 update on the Strategic Risk Register.</p>
<p><b>9</b> Parking Charges</p>	<p>1. Cabinet agreed to progress with the statutory consultation on the proposed changes to parking tariffs and charging policies as set out in appendix of this report, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off-Street Parking tariff changes for 2024,</li> <li>• On-Street tariff changes for 2024 – Minimum tariff for on street parking to be set at £2,</li> <li>• Changing on-street Limited Wait Bays to chargeable spaces,</li> <li>• Extending the current operating hours of the car parks,</li> <li>• Introducing new longer stay off-street tariffs to support extended car park operating hours</li> <li>• Consolidating off-street (car parks) short stay sessions to introduce a new minimum stay of 2 hours</li> <li>• Opening up part of the upper level of the Water Gardens North car park for public use Mon – Fri.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>2. Cabinet delegated authority to the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Commercial Services to consider the responses from the statutory consultation and make any final decision on the implementation of the parking tariff increases and changes to charging policy through formal Traffic Regulation Orders.</p>
<p><b>10</b> Council Tax Base Report &amp; Support Scheme</p>	<p><b>RESOLVE TO RECOMMEND</b></p> <p>1. To <b>recommended that Council</b> changes the council tax support scheme from April 2024 to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. increase the backdating period for working age CTS applications to three months in line with pension age applications;</li> <li>b. remove the restriction for residents in properties from bands E to H for maximum CTS to be calculated using band D.</li> </ol> <p>2. Approved an additional one off payment of support to Council Tax Support Claimants.</p> <p>3. Cabinet approved the Collection Fund surplus estimate of £665,115.33 as at 31 March 2024. The Dacorum Borough Council share of this surplus</p>

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	<p>is £77,517.77.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND</b></p> <p>4. Cabinet <b>recommended to Council</b> that Dacorum’s share of the Council tax surplus (£77,517.77) be transferred to the funding equalisation reserve, specifically to manage fluctuations in the collection fund position.</p> <p>5. Cabinet approved the payment profile for the surplus identified at 3) above and contained at section 2.39 to this report (Table 4).</p> <p>6. Cabinet approved the calculation of the Council’s tax base for the year 2024/25 incorporating an estimated collection rate of 98.5%.</p> <p>7. Agreed that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the Council as its tax base for the year 2024/25 shall be 60,276.5 and its constituent elements shall be</p> <p><b>Table 1 Taxbase 2024/25</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 936 1321 1888"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="432 936 1007 1025">Part of Area - Parished and Non Parished</th> <th data-bbox="1007 936 1161 1025">100% Tax base</th> <th data-bbox="1161 936 1321 1025">98.5% Tax base</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1070 1007 1104">Hemel Hempstead</td><td data-bbox="1007 1070 1161 1104">32,886.6</td><td data-bbox="1161 1070 1321 1104">32,393.3</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1115 1007 1149">Aldbury</td><td data-bbox="1007 1115 1161 1149">477.0</td><td data-bbox="1161 1115 1321 1149">469.8</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1160 1007 1193">Berkhamsted</td><td data-bbox="1007 1160 1161 1193">8,715.3</td><td data-bbox="1161 1160 1321 1193">8,584.6</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1205 1007 1238">Bovingdon</td><td data-bbox="1007 1205 1161 1238">2,165.9</td><td data-bbox="1161 1205 1321 1238">2,133.4</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1249 1007 1283">Chipperfield</td><td data-bbox="1007 1249 1161 1283">911.2</td><td data-bbox="1161 1249 1321 1283">897.6</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1294 1007 1328">Flamstead</td><td data-bbox="1007 1294 1161 1328">671.5</td><td data-bbox="1161 1294 1321 1328">661.5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1339 1007 1373">Flaunden</td><td data-bbox="1007 1339 1161 1373">182.2</td><td data-bbox="1161 1339 1321 1373">179.5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1384 1007 1417">Great Gaddesden</td><td data-bbox="1007 1384 1161 1417">463.5</td><td data-bbox="1161 1384 1321 1417">456.6</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1429 1007 1462">Kings Langley</td><td data-bbox="1007 1429 1161 1462">2,406.1</td><td data-bbox="1161 1429 1321 1462">2,370.0</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1473 1007 1507">Little Gaddesden</td><td data-bbox="1007 1473 1161 1507">638.2</td><td data-bbox="1161 1473 1321 1507">628.6</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1518 1007 1552">Markyate</td><td data-bbox="1007 1518 1161 1552">1,346.8</td><td data-bbox="1161 1518 1321 1552">1,326.6</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1563 1007 1597">Nash Mills</td><td data-bbox="1007 1563 1161 1597">1,241.2</td><td data-bbox="1161 1563 1321 1597">1,222.6</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1608 1007 1641">Nettleden with Potten End</td><td data-bbox="1007 1608 1161 1641">815.2</td><td data-bbox="1161 1608 1321 1641">803.0</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1653 1007 1686">Northchurch</td><td data-bbox="1007 1653 1161 1686">1,415.0</td><td data-bbox="1161 1653 1321 1686">1,393.8</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1697 1007 1731">Tring Rural</td><td data-bbox="1007 1697 1161 1731">728.6</td><td data-bbox="1161 1697 1321 1731">717.7</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1742 1007 1776">Tring Town</td><td data-bbox="1007 1742 1161 1776">5,450.4</td><td data-bbox="1161 1742 1321 1776">5,368.7</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="432 1787 1007 1821">Wigginton</td><td data-bbox="1007 1787 1161 1821">679.5</td><td data-bbox="1161 1787 1321 1821">669.3</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1832 1007 1888"><b>Total Taxbase</b></td> <td data-bbox="1007 1832 1161 1888"><b><u>61,194.4</u></b></td> <td data-bbox="1161 1832 1321 1888"><b><u>60,276.5</u></b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Part of Area - Parished and Non Parished	100% Tax base	98.5% Tax base	Hemel Hempstead	32,886.6	32,393.3	Aldbury	477.0	469.8	Berkhamsted	8,715.3	8,584.6	Bovingdon	2,165.9	2,133.4	Chipperfield	911.2	897.6	Flamstead	671.5	661.5	Flaunden	182.2	179.5	Great Gaddesden	463.5	456.6	Kings Langley	2,406.1	2,370.0	Little Gaddesden	638.2	628.6	Markyate	1,346.8	1,326.6	Nash Mills	1,241.2	1,222.6	Nettleden with Potten End	815.2	803.0	Northchurch	1,415.0	1,393.8	Tring Rural	728.6	717.7	Tring Town	5,450.4	5,368.7	Wigginton	679.5	669.3	<b>Total Taxbase</b>	<b><u>61,194.4</u></b>	<b><u>60,276.5</u></b>
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