

Notes of Key Decisions/Actions

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 14 February 2017

Agenda Item	Decision
1 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2017 were agreed by the members present and signed by the Chairman.
2 Apologies for Absence	An apology was received on behalf of Councillor Harden.
3 Declarations of Interest	None received
4 Public Participation	None received
5 Referrals to Cabinet	None received
6 Cabinet Forward Plan	That the Cabinet Forward Plan be noted without change.
7 Gadebridge Splash Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The project to install a Splash Park in Gadebridge Park be approved. The location of the Splash Park and new Play Area are shown on the plan in Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report.2. The virement of capital underspend from the Play Area Improvements Project to the relocation of the Children's Play Area be approved.3. The Splash Park opening in spring 2018 be approved4. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Delivery) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environmental, Sustainability and Regulatory Services to award the contract for the supply and construction of the Splash Park and Play Area
8 Housing Revenue	Resolved to Recommend: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. to approve the updated Housing Revenue Account Business

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Account Business Plan Annual Review 2016/17	<p style="text-align: center;">Plan</p> <p>2. to approve the revised development programme budgets as set out in Section 6.3 of the Cabinet report and the budget for the Martindale Development in Appendix 2, in part II of the Cabinet report</p>
<p>9 Budget & Council Tax Setting</p>	<p>Resolved to Recommend:</p> <p>General Fund Revenue Estimate</p> <p>a) a Dacorum Borough Council General Fund Council Tax requirement of £10.709m, and of £11.442m for the combined Borough Council and Parish Councils' requirement for 2017/18;</p> <p>b) an increase of 2.71% in Council Tax for Dacorum Borough Council;</p> <p>c) the base estimates for 2017/18, as shown in Appendix A1, and the indicative budget forecasts for 2017/18 – 2020/21, as shown in Appendix A2;</p> <p>d) the forecast balances of Revenue Reserves as shown in Appendix J, and approve paragraphs 10-20 of this report as the updated Reserves Strategy;</p> <p>e) increases in Fees and Charges for 2017/18 as set out in Appendices C3, D3, and E3;</p> <p>f) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18, attached at Appendix K;</p> <p>g) the Treasury Management Principles and Practices for 2017/18, attached at Appendix L;</p> <p>h) that this budget paper will form part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>Capital Programme</p> <p>i) the revised Capital Programme for 2016/17, and for 2017/18 to 2021/22, as detailed in Appendix I;</p> <p>j) the financing proposals in Appendix I subject to an annual review of the financing options by the Corporate Director (Finance & Operations), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, during the preparation of the Statement of Accounts.</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA)</p> <p>k) reduce dwelling rents by 1% in accordance with government legislation, resulting in an average rent of £104.17 per week</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">(based on 52 weeks);</p> <p>l) the HRA estimate for 2017/18 as shown in Appendix F.</p> <p>Terms & Conditions</p> <p>m) the continued application of a living wage supplement for all affected employees, in accordance with the rates of the Living Wage Foundation, for 2017/18 (to be reviewed annually thereafter).</p> <p>Statement by Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>n) the statement by the Chief Finance Officer regarding the robustness of the budget estimates and level of reserves as set out in Appendix M.</p>
<p>10 Appointment of Auditors 2018 & beyond</p>	<p>Resolved to Recommend:</p> <p>1. to approve the Council opting into the Public Sector Audit Appointment's Sector Led Body for the appointment of the Council's external auditors for the audit of the 2018/19 accounts and beyond</p>
<p>11 Independent Remuneration Panel</p>	<p>1. The report of the Independent Remuneration Panel be formally received following its review of the Council's existing Members' Allowances Scheme.</p> <p>2. That thanks be expressed to the panel for all of their work and time dedicated to the review.</p> <p>3. Resolved to recommend the approval of the changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel in its report.</p>
<p>12 Exclusion of the Public</p>	<p>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 item 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 this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Council and third party companies/organisations. The report also contains legal advice which may be subject to a claim for legal privilege (Minute CA/025/17)</p> <p><i>Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 3 & 5.</i></p>

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13 Disposal of Council-owned land at Jarman Park	Full details are in the part 2 decision sheet.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm