

Notes of Key Decisions/Actions

Meeting: Council

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Agenda Item	Decision
1 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2017 were agreed by the Members present and were then signed by the Mayor.
2 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest
3 Public Participation	There was no public participation
4 Announcements	<p>1. By the Mayor:</p> <p>There were no announcements from the Mayor</p> <p>2. By the Chief Executive:</p> <p>Sally Marshall gave an update on the Flamstead Parish Council by election to be held on 23rd March 2017.</p> <p>3. By the Group Leaders:</p> <p>Councillor Williams gave apologies on behalf of Councillors Bateman Conway, Hearn, Mills, and Riddick.</p> <p>Councillor Fisher gave apologies on behalf of Councillor Fethney.</p> <p>4. By the Leader and Members of the Cabinet:</p> <p>(Full details are in the minutes under Announcements of the Leader and Cabinet).</p>
5 Questions	None.
6 Business from the last council meeting	None.
7 Cabinet	That the following be approved:

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referrals	<p data-bbox="432 226 663 259"><u>24 January 2017</u></p> <p data-bbox="432 293 1394 360"><u>7.1 CA/007/17 BYELAWS FOR SELECTED PARKS AND OPEN SPACES WITHIN DACORUM</u></p> <p data-bbox="432 394 558 427">Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="480 443 1414 674">(1) the Draft Byelaw to Council as attached as Appendix A of the Cabinet report for the Parks and Open Spaces in the Borough listed in paragraph 11 of the report and further draft byelaws to be drafted for consideration and consultation to prevent the feeding of wildfowl and wild animals, and permit model powered boats where appropriate. <li data-bbox="480 707 1414 938">(2) authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Delivery) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environmental, Sustainability and Regulatory Services to carry out the required impact assessment, consultation, agree the 'scheme' noted under paragraph 7 of the Cabinet report and submit the application to the Department of Communities and Local Government. <li data-bbox="480 972 1414 1122">(3) authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Delivery) to determine which areas within the Parks and Open Spaces listed in paragraph 11 of the Cabinet report shall be permitted or designated for relevant activities <li data-bbox="480 1155 1414 1305">(4) authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Delivery) to authorise officers to issue fixed notices and/or commence prosecution proceedings to enforce breaches of the Byelaws. <li data-bbox="480 1339 1414 1489">(5) authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Delivery) in consultation with the Assistant Director (Finance and Resources) to agree fee levels for any chargeable activity permissible by the Byelaws. <li data-bbox="480 1523 1414 1601">(6) the revocation of the byelaws listed in paragraph 13 of the Cabinet report. <p data-bbox="432 1626 1259 1659"><u>7.2 CA/008/17 SENIOR OFFICER PAY POLICY</u></p> <p data-bbox="432 1693 558 1727">Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="432 1760 1414 1827">1. That the Pay Policy for 2017/18 as set out in appendix 1 to the report be adopted <p data-bbox="432 1895 675 1928"><u>14 February 2017</u></p> <p data-bbox="432 1962 1323 2029"><u>CA/020/17 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW 2016/17</u></p>

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	<p>k) reduce dwelling rents by 1% in accordance with government legislation, resulting in an average rent of £104.17 per week (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><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>1) It be noted that the Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 December 2016, calculated the following amounts for the year 2017/18 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), as inserted by Section 74 of the Localism Act 2011:-</p> <p>(a) 56,415.4 being the figure calculated by the Council in accordance with regulation 3 of The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 as its Council Tax base for the year;</p> <p>(b) the amounts in Table 1 of this report (Tax Base for each part of the Council's area to which one or more special items relate) being the amounts calculated by the Cabinet in accordance with regulation 6 The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in such parts;</p> <p>2) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31A and 31B and Sections 34 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) (referred to as "the Act"):</p> <p>(a) £145,094,234.20 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act, taking account of all precepts;</p> <p>(b) £133,645,925.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act, including the</p>

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	<p>aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates and Revenue Support Grant ;</p> <p>(c) £11,448,309.20 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year;</p> <p>(d) £202.93 being the amount at 2)(c) above, divided by 1)(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B (1) of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;</p> <p>(e) £738,973.82 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;</p> <p>(f) £189.83 being the amount at 2)(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 2)(e) above by the amount at 1)(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates;</p> <table> <tr> <th data-bbox="528 1263 943 1301">(g) Part of the Council's Area</th><th data-bbox="1011 1263 1166 1397">Band D Equivalent Combined £</th></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1397 826 1431">Hemel Hempstead</td><td data-bbox="1011 1397 1099 1431">189.83</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1431 683 1464">Aldbury</td><td data-bbox="1011 1431 1099 1464">222.83</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1464 756 1498">Berkhamsted</td><td data-bbox="1011 1464 1099 1498">211.99</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1498 724 1532">Bovingdon</td><td data-bbox="1011 1498 1099 1532">217.55</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1532 740 1565">Chipperfield</td><td data-bbox="1011 1532 1099 1565">238.16</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1565 724 1599">Flamstead</td><td data-bbox="1011 1565 1099 1599">251.63</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1599 708 1632">Flaunden</td><td data-bbox="1011 1599 1099 1632">219.77</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1632 815 1666">Great Gaddesden</td><td data-bbox="1011 1632 1099 1666">209.14</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1666 772 1700">Kings Langley</td><td data-bbox="1011 1666 1099 1700">235.99</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1700 804 1733">Little Gaddesden</td><td data-bbox="1011 1700 1099 1733">215.44</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1733 708 1767">Markyate</td><td data-bbox="1011 1733 1099 1767">227.12</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1767 724 1800">Nash Mills</td><td data-bbox="1011 1767 1099 1800">212.83</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1800 708 1834">Nettleden</td><td data-bbox="1011 1800 1099 1834">215.15</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1834 740 1868">Northchurch</td><td data-bbox="1011 1834 1099 1868">201.43</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1868 724 1901">Tring Rural</td><td data-bbox="1011 1868 1099 1901">216.24</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1901 724 1935">Tring Town</td><td data-bbox="1011 1901 1099 1935">215.49</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="576 1935 708 1968">Wigginton</td><td data-bbox="1011 1935 1099 1968">208.96</td></tr> </table> <p>(Band D charge for Parish and District combined), being the</p>	(g) Part of the Council's Area	Band D Equivalent Combined £	Hemel Hempstead	189.83	Aldbury	222.83	Berkhamsted	211.99	Bovingdon	217.55	Chipperfield	238.16	Flamstead	251.63	Flaunden	219.77	Great Gaddesden	209.14	Kings Langley	235.99	Little Gaddesden	215.44	Markyate	227.12	Nash Mills	212.83	Nettleden	215.15	Northchurch	201.43	Tring Rural	216.24	Tring Town	215.49	Wigginton	208.96
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	<p>amounts given by adding to the amount at 2)(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in parts of its area to which special items relate;</p> <p>3) it be noted that for the year 2017/18 Hertfordshire County Council have stated the amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings as set out in table 3(a);</p> <p>4) That it be noted that for the year 2016/17 the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner has proposed the amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings as set out in table 3(a);</p> <p>5) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2)(g), 3) and 4) above the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby set the amounts set out in Table 3b of the report as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each part of the area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown;</p> <p>6) It be noted that in setting the Council Tax for 2017/18 the Council is required to have taken account of the report of the Chief Financial Officer on the robustness of the budget.</p> <p><u>CA/022/17 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS 2018 AND BEYOND</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <p>1. That 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 be approved.</p> <p><u>CA/023/17 REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL 2016 – MEMBERS ALLOWANCES FOR DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <p>1. That the changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel in its report be approved</p>
<p>8 Recommended</p>	<p><u>Resolved:</u></p>

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changes to Development Control Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the suggested changes and their inclusion in the wording of the constitution be delegated to the Solicitor for the Council. 2. That the changes to the DCC dates from May 2017 – May 2018 as set out in Appendix 1 be agreed.
9 Overview and Scrutiny referrals	None.
10 Changes to committee membership	None.
11 Change to committee dates	<p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>The changes to DCC dates from May 2017 – May 2018 as included in agenda item 8</p> <p>Member Development moved from 14th September to 7th September 2017.</p>

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm