

Ashfield District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 19 January 2017

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Item 3	Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2016 be approved as a true record
Item 4	Corporate Scorecard: Quarter 2 Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet approves the proposed Corporate Scorecard; b) That Cabinet notes the Quarter 2 Performance Levels.
Item 5	Feasibility Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet approves acceptance of the £156k grant offer from the Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee for the procurement of feasibility studies and evidence based work to support delivery of Ashfield District Council's priority projects; b) That Cabinet approves an increase in the Council's budget to accommodate match funding requirements, of up to £17,250; c) That Cabinet authorises the Chief Executive and the relevant Portfolio Holder to enter into funding agreements with the Accountable Body, Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC); d) That Cabinet authorises the Chief Executive and the relevant Portfolio Holder to vary funding agreements, where necessary.
Item 6	Update of the Ashfield Local Development Scheme	That Cabinet approves the Ashfield Local Development Scheme, as appended to the report and that it is brought into effect from 1 February 2017.
Item 7	Fees and Charges Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet agrees to increase cemetery charges in line with neighbouring authorities. This is expected to generate additional income of £10k b) That Cabinet agrees to increase allotment fees by 2% for 2017/18, which is expected to generate additional income of £1,000. c) That Cabinet agrees the revised Fees & Charges booklet for 2017/18, with all the applicable increases taking effect as soon as practically possible after 1 April 2017.

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Item 8	Consideration of the Future of Cash Collection Following Budget Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet agrees that cash collection should be modernised, to make full use of the most efficient channels, including Direct Debit, cash payments via Pay Point, electronic and telephone payments; b) That Cabinet agrees that a timetable be developed for the ending of direct cash collection through Council offices; c) That Cabinet agrees that the Project Team set up to implement this project should ensure that residents are supported through the process, so that the transition is easy to manage for residents who have been used to paying cash at Council offices.
Item 9	Review of Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet agrees to an independent review of community engagement methodologies, to include Member Surgeries and Area Committees; b) That a report be brought to a future Cabinet meeting setting out recommendations for revised engagement methods.
Item 10	Support Team Progress and Financial Update Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet acknowledges the progress made through Support Team working and recognises that the principles underpinning it are now being mirrored as part of the Integrated Service Hub review. b) That Cabinet acknowledges the leadership Ashfield District Council is showing as part of the public sector reform debate and in informing the county-wide integrated locality working project. c) That Cabinet confirms Council funding arrangements to fund the New Cross and Broomhill Support Teams in 2017/18 and beyond; recognising the potential this creates to deliver further efficiencies through the integrated service hub review and wider public sector reform.

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		<p>d) That Cabinet agrees to continue to pursue funding arrangements with partner agencies.</p> <p>e) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Service Director – Place and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Engagement, to vary resource levels and structures in both teams once partner contributions for 2017/18 have been confirmed.</p>
Item 11	Ashfield Community Partnership (Formerly Known as Ashfield Community Safety Partnership) Strategic Plan 2014-17 (Annual Refresh 2016)	That Cabinet recommends approval of the annual refresh (2016) of the Ashfield Community Partnership Strategic Plan 2014-2017 to Council.
Item 12	Leisure Review - Huthwaite	<p>a) That Cabinet agrees to invite bids from the Community or other interested parties for a sustainable future use of the Huthwaite Leisure Centre site and that whilst exploring these alternative options, the operator Sport Leisure Management Ltd (SLM) be given six months' notice.</p> <p>b) That Cabinet agrees to review the provision of swimming in Hucknall and that operations at the Edgewood Leisure Centre will remain the same whilst the review takes place and that a further report be brought to Cabinet in due course.</p>
Item 13	Consideration of Glass Collection Proposals Following Budget Consultation	<p>a) That Cabinet agrees to change the method of collection for glass bottles and jars from 44 to 55 litre blue boxes to 140 litre wheeled bins (multi-dwelling premises will continue to receive bespoke provision as necessary);</p> <p>b) That Cabinet agrees that the glass collection cycle for each property be changed from 4 weeks to 8 weeks;</p>

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		<p>c) That Cabinet acknowledges that residents will be advised to retain their existing blue boxes;</p> <p>d) That Cabinet recommends to Council that a 2017/18 capital budget of £750k be created for the purchase and distribution of new 140 litre bins for glass (£710k) and associated management and communication costs (40k). £40k will be contributed from the Corporate Improvement Fund towards funding the scheme;</p> <p>e) That Cabinet agrees that revenue budgets should be adjusted and reduced accordingly to enable a net annual saving of £50k to be realised;</p> <p>f) That Cabinet agrees to reduce the employee structure by 1 crew comprising 1 Waste Collection / Relief Driver and 2 Waste Collectors, and the vehicle fleet by 1 vehicle, in order to deliver the required saving;</p> <p>g) That Cabinet acknowledges and approves the project approach, including risks and mitigations, as set out within the report;</p> <p>h) That to ensure timely and effective decision making, Cabinet delegates authority to the Service Director – Places and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Environment, to vary the implementation timetable in line with the practical and logistical requirements of the project;</p> <p>i) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Service Director – Place and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Environment to finalise the policy regarding opting out and sharing bins with neighbours.</p>
Item 15	Consideration of Selston Golf Course	a) That Cabinet formally advises Nottinghamshire County Council that Ashfield District

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	Following Budget Consultation	<p>Council would be prepared to surrender its lease for the Selston Golf Course should an alternate provider be found who would like to enter into a new lease with the County Council, or purchase the site outright;</p> <p>b) That Nottinghamshire County Council be supported in identifying any alternate interested parties in the site and assisting in the development of any new agreement as required;</p> <p>c) That Cabinet authorises that should it be necessary to facilitate recommendations a) and b) above, the lease for the site known as Selston Golf Course be surrendered;</p> <p>d) That Cabinet confirms that should insufficient progress in both identifying and reaching agreement with the new provider have been made by 31 March 2017 the golf course and café will be closed and the site turned into a community park;</p> <p>e) That Cabinet acknowledges the human resources and financial implications of this decision;</p> <p>f) That to ensure timely and effective decision making Cabinet delegates authority to the Service Director, Place and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Environment, to determine whether the threshold for ‘sufficient progress’ has been met and to decide at which point recommendation d) above should be enacted. This also includes a decision about whether the building and porta cabin should be removed from the site.</p>
Item 16	Sale of Land - Plot 2 Butlers Hill Industrial Development Site, Hucknall	<p>a) That Cabinet approves the sale of Plot 2 (approximately 1.7 acres) at Butler’s Hill Industrial Estate;</p> <p>b) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Interim Service Director Planning & Economic</p>

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		<p>Development or the Chief Executive to conclude negotiations relating to the heads of terms of sale in conjunction with the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance);</p> <p>c) That Legal Services be instructed to draft the necessary legal documentation;</p> <p>d) That Legal Services sign and seal any documents required to finalise the transaction;</p>
Item 17	Sale of Land - Plot 3 Butlers Hill Industrial Development Site, Hucknall	<p>a) That Cabinet approves the sale of Plot 3 (approximately 0.84 acres) at Butlers Hill Industrial Estate;</p> <p>b) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Interim Service Director Planning & Economic Development or the Chief Executive to conclude negotiations relating to the heads of terms of sale in conjunction with the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance);</p> <p>c) That Legal Services be instructed to draft the necessary legal documentation;</p> <p>d) That Legal Services sign and seal any documents required to finalise the transaction.</p>
Item 18	Sale of Land Plot 5 Butlers Hill Industrial Development Site Hucknall - Sale of Land - Revision of Sale Terms	<p>a) That Cabinet approves the revised sale price of Plot 5 (approximately 0.86 acres) at Butlers Hill Industrial Estate;</p> <p>b) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Interim Service Director Planning & Economic Development or the Chief Executive to conclude negotiations relating to the heads of terms of sale in conjunction with the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance);</p> <p>c) That Legal Services be instructed to draft the necessary legal documentation;</p> <p>d) That Legal Services sign and seal any documents required to finalise the transaction.</p>