

Ashfield District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 20 February 2017

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Item 3	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2017 were approved as a true record
Item 4	Scrutiny Review of Home-Made Kerb Sets (Cemeteries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet notes the recommendations of Scrutiny Panel ‘A’ on Home-Made Kerb Sets (Cemeteries) as set out in the report; b) That a further report be submitted to Cabinet setting out a proposed response to these recommendations.
Item 5	Scrutiny Review of Fuel Poverty and Affordable Warmth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet agrees the recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Affordable Warmth and Fuel Poverty as set out in the report; b) That Cabinet agrees that the necessary action required to implement these recommendations be taken by officers; c) That Cabinet notes that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee will revisit the issue of Fuel Poverty and Affordable Warmth in six months’ time.
Item 6	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet approves and accepts the proposed amendments to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy; b) That Cabinet delegates responsibility to the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance) for all minor amendments to the Policy; c) That Cabinet notes that the Council has not authorised any covert surveillance pursuant to the RIPA powers in the past 12 months.
Item 7	The Council's Capital Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet agrees the principles of the new Capital Strategy; b) Cabinet notes that the revised policy on Minimum Revenue Provision will be formally considered as part of the Treasury Management Strategy at the Cabinet’s meeting in March 2017; c) Cabinet notes that a further report will be submitted to its March 2017 meeting, detailing the matrix which will be used to select appropriate potential investment properties and the proposed governance arrangements to enable such purchases.

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Item 8	Capital Programme 2016/17 - 2019/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet endorses the revised Capital Programme and recommends it to Council for approval; b) That Cabinet agrees that all Capital projects, including the S106 and grant funded projects should follow the Council's Corporate Project Management Framework; c) Cabinet notes that projects will be assessed for their contribution to the Corporate Plan and impact on the Council's budget, with those that contribute positively to the Council's priorities and impact positively on its Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) given priority.
Item 9	General Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17 and 2017/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet endorses the General Fund Revenue Estimates for 2016/17 (Revised) and 2017/18 and recommends them to Council for approval; b) That Cabinet agrees that the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme continues in its current form for 2017/18; c) That Cabinet agrees that £30k be allocated from the Corporate Improvement Fund for investment in the new bins required for the Trade Waste recycling project; d) That Cabinet agrees that Area Committee Environmental budgets are revised, as set out in the report; e) That Cabinet agrees that the Council seeks sponsorship to reduce the overall cost of providing Christmas trees, lights and events; f) That Cabinet agrees that the bespoke Equality Advice Service from Mansfield District Council ceases to be provided as part of the Human Resources (HR) Shared Service and that formal notice be given to Mansfield District Council, in accordance with the Service Level Agreement, to cease this provision from the Shared HR Service;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) That Cabinet agrees that the Council use agency workers (rather than fixed term contracts) to provide staffing for seasonal environmental work; h) That Cabinet agrees in principle, pending a more detailed report, to a reduction in the size of the Council’s Corporate Leadership Team, with a target saving of £100k.
Item 10	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budgets (Revised 2016/17 and 2017/18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet agrees the budgets for the Housing Revenue Account for 2016/17 (Revised) and 2017/18; b) Cabinet notes that due to the Housing and Planning Act, the budget may require an amendment during 2017/18 once an implementation date has been set for requirements of the Act in respect of ‘Sale of Higher Value Council Stock’; c) That Cabinet agrees an average rent decrease of 1% for all Council house rents for 2017/18; d) That Cabinet agrees a garage rent increase of 2% for 2017/18; e) That Cabinet agrees communal heating charges should remain unchanged at the current rate for 2017/18; f) That Cabinet agrees to adopt the policy of moving to formula rent at the point of re-let following vacancy from 3 April 2017; g) That Cabinet approves the addition to the core rent of the estate based service charges on new build properties.
Item 11	The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2022/23	That Cabinet notes the continuing forecast budget “gaps” over the next five financial years, and agrees that a savings target of £1 million should be set for 2018/19.
Item 12	Approval to Accept £375k Local Growth Fund Contribution from D2N2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet approves acceptance of the funding contribution of £375k from D2N2 Local Economic Partnership;

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	Local Economic Partnership (LEP) for Idlewells Indoor Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) That Cabinet authorises the Chief Executive or the Deputy Chief Executive to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Accountable Body, Nottinghamshire County Council; c) That Cabinet agrees that the Capital Programme is updated accordingly, with the funding being utilised in 2016/17; d) That Cabinet agrees that the required changes to the Capital Programme be recommended to Council for approval.
Item 13	Council House Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet endorses the purchase of 9 new homes, and associated costs on the terms set out in the report; b) That this addition to the Capital Programme be recommended to Council for approval; c) That Cabinet authorises officers to proceed with the purchase of the properties along the terms set out in the report.
Item 14	Write-off of amounts over £5,000 for Non-Domestic Rates	That the amounts over £5k set out in the report be written off.