

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

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Item 3	Minutes	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2017 were approved as a true record.</p>
Item 4	Scrutiny Consideration of Homelessness - Interim Report	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet recognises the importance of developing effective initiatives to prevent homelessness in the District, in line with the new duties placed on the Council by the Homelessness Reduction Act, to facilitate early intervention with households and persons at risk of homelessness and to provide more advice support and guidance, in order to prevent homelessness, wherever possible; b) That Cabinet endorses the recommendation of Scrutiny Panel 'B' that relationships with third sector (voluntary) organisations continue to be strengthened to facilitate the pooling of resources for tackling homelessness or the threat of homelessness within the District; c) That Cabinet agrees that all Members of the Council be provided with a copy of the 'How to Contact the Housing Options Team' leaflet; d) That Cabinet authorises officers to investigate ways of working with late night establishments and community initiatives to raise awareness and facilitate the necessary signposting, should persons present themselves as homeless or are believed to be under threat of homelessness; e) That Cabinet endorses continued work with local services and communities to ensure that the new outreach service is as effective as possible; f) That Cabinet agrees that the Members of Scrutiny Panel 'B' be kept informed of progress with the Homelessness Reduction Act so that the Panel can revisit the

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		homelessness issue as part of its work programme.
Item 5	Scrutiny Review of Pest Control	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That officers explore ways of promoting the Pest Control Service, via notice boards and advertising on refuse bins, to highlight the importance of pest control and the sensible disposal of waste; b) That Cabinet authorises the development of an Education Programme (within existing resources) to encourage schools, community groups and local residents to understand the importance of pest control issues; c) That Members of the Council be requested to be more focused on pest control issues within their wards; d) That officers explore ways of using social media as a communications channel to promote and advertise the Pest Control Service; e) That Cabinet agrees as part of the expansion of commercialisation to explore ways of enabling the Pest Control Service to be offered to neighbouring authorities who do not currently provide this service in-house.
Item 6	Strategic Direction: 2017-2022	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet adopts the Ashfield Strategic Direction: 2017-22; b) That the Director of Resources and Business Transformation be authorised to

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		make minor formatting changes prior to the final production of this document.
Item 7	General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring to August 2017	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>a) That Cabinet notes the budget monitoring position to August 2017;</p> <p>b) That Cabinet approves the movements from earmarked reserves to fund specific projects, as set out in Section 2.3 of the report;</p> <p>c) That Cabinet approves the virement required within the Housing Revenue Account and that this virement be recommended to Council in accordance with Financial Regulations.</p>
Item 8	Telephony Upgrade	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Cabinet authorises the Director of Resources and Business Transformation to commence a procurement process and to appoint a supplier to provide an upgraded telephony system.</p>