

Ashfield District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 30 November 2017

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Item 3	Minutes	The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Thursday 19 October 2017 were approved as a true record.
Item 4	Corporate Governance - Anti Fraud and Corruption - Updated Policies and Practices	<p>a) That Cabinet notes the update on Anti-Fraud and Corruption following the presentation of draft policies and procedures to the Audit Committee on 27 November 2017;</p> <p>b) That Cabinet approves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy • The Anti-Bribery Policy • The Anti-Money Laundering Policy Statement and Procedures • The Fraud Response Plan • The Prosecution Policy • The Local Code of Corporate Governance <p>c) That Cabinet endorses the proposed approach to embed the Council’s corporate approach to fraud and corruption across the organisation, which will be overseen by the Audit Committee and also the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy Group, to be made up of the relevant officers;</p> <p>d) That Cabinet notes the requirement to carry out an assessment of fraud risks which the Council experiences and that the consequential Fraud Risk Register will be reported to the next meeting of the Audit Committee.</p>
Item 5	Community Engagement Review	a) That Cabinet notes that the Leader has exercised her discretion to cease Area Committees with effect from 1 January 2018 and that she has amended the

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		<p>Executive Scheme of Delegation to reflect this;</p> <p>b) That Cabinet notes the above change is not subject to call-in;</p> <p>c) That Cabinet notes the Monitoring Officer will make the necessary alterations and changes to the Constitution as a consequence of the Leader’s decision in line with Article 14, section 14.02 of the Constitution. These changes will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deleting all references to the Area Committees in Part 1 of the Constitution; • Deleting Article 7 of Part 2 of the Constitution; • Deleting Section 8 of 1.6 Part 3 (Executive Scheme of Delegation) of the Constitution; • Deleting the terms of reference for the Area Committees in 1.8 of Part 3 of the Constitution; • Deleting references to the Area Committees in Part 7 of the Constitution, Members’ Allowances Scheme; • Consequential renumbering and other changes as a result of the above changes. <p>d) That Cabinet notes the above alterations and changes are not subject to call-in;</p> <p>e) That Member Surgeries, the Citizens Panel and the Youth Forum be retained;</p>

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		<p>f) That the Locality Plans cease and the Council continues to identify neighbourhood projects through the Capital Programme, ensuring that new projects are aligned to relevant corporate strategies and follow the Capital Programme gateway process;</p> <p>g) That Cabinet agrees to public consultation events being established across the District, so that Members and Officers can present strategies and forthcoming plans to the public and to receive feedback and ideas from them;</p> <p>h) That Member grants cease in their current format (i.e. small grants approved through Area Committees);</p> <p>i) That the current allocation of £24k in 2018/19 and £21k from 2019/20 be retained to provide contributions to key projects, i.e. Christmas Festivities and Remembrance Sunday. That this sum includes an annual £15k to be made available to the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation to continue the availability of small community grants;</p> <p>j) That Cabinet agrees the social media focus of the organisation continues to be improved, through such things as: live streaming of Council meetings, proactive communication and opportunities for feedback;</p> <p>k) That Cabinet agrees to the development of a Community Engagement Strategy and associated Handbook to support a whole Council approach to community engagement;</p> <p>l) That a Marketing Strategy be established to promote the new engagement</p>

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Item 6	Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Car Cruising	<p>a) That Cabinet authorises the Interim Director of Place and Communities, in accordance with Section 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, to carry out the necessary consultation and notification of the proposed Order in respect of Car Cruising;</p> <p>b) That the results of this consultation be considered by the Interim Director of Place and Communities, who would then report to Council with a view to proceeding with and making the Order, where this is supported by the consultation;</p> <p>c) That if substantial and material amendments are required as a result of the consultation, an amended version of the Order be submitted to Cabinet for reconsideration, prior to seeking formal adoption at Council.</p>
Item 7	Shared Human Resources Service - Extension of Service Level Agreement	<p>a) That Cabinet agrees Mansfield District Council (MDC) be notified of Ashfield District Council's (ADC) request that the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for provision of Human Resources (HR) services by MDC to ADC be extended for a further 5 years, from 1 December 2018;</p> <p>b) That Cabinet delegates any variations required to the shared HR service SLA to the Director for Resources and Business Transformation;</p> <p>c) That Cabinet delegates any variations required to the agreed proportionate split of the costs of providing the shared HR service function to the Director of</p>

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		Resources and Business Transformation.
Item 8	Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2017-18	That Cabinet notes the mid-year position in respect of the Treasury Management activity and performance against the Prudential Indicators.
Item 9	Capital Strategy Update and Proposed Capital Programme 2017/18 - 2021/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That Cabinet agrees the Commercial Investment Fund be increased by £15M to £25M; b) That Cabinet agrees to amend the Capital Strategy, the Commercial Property Investment Strategy and the Capital Programme in order to reflect the increased value of the Commercial Investment Fund; c) That Cabinet notes the contents of the Government’s consultation paper on proposed changes to the Prudential Framework of Capital Finance, which if agreed will be effective from 2018-19; d) That Cabinet recommends to Council the proposed changes to strategies and the Capital Programme, covering 2017/18 to 2019/20; e) That Cabinet notes the indicative expenditure for 2020/21 and 2021/22.