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| Item 3 | Corporate Scorecard - Year End 2017/18 Position | <p>that Cabinet notes the levels of performance achieved against the Corporate Scorecard at year-end 2017/18, in order to facilitate delivery of the Corporate Plan and improved performance of the organisation.</p> <p>REASONS FOR DECISION</p> <p>In March 2016 Cabinet agreed the use of a balanced scorecard methodology to enhance the organisation’s performance framework and ability to understand how successfully the Corporate Priorities are being delivered, the approach providing a more rounded view on performance with a greater emphasis on customer satisfaction and quality.</p> <p>The Corporate Scorecard has previously been agreed by Cabinet. The new administration has identified specific priorities for action and a fuller consideration of the Corporate Plan and Corporate Scorecard will be enacted post the District Elections in 2019.</p> <p>Performance outturn for the Corporate Scorecard will be monitored and managed at CLT, Cabinet and Scrutiny.</p> |
| Item 4 | Corporate Risk - Year End 2017/18 Position | <p>a) Cabinet endorse the current significant items on the Risk Register and also agree that the following issues be included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation against Planning Appeals exceeding the 10% threshold which could result in Government intervention; • Recognition of potential risk in the event of Local Government Reorganisation; <p>b) the Corporate Risk Strategy, as appended to the report, be approved.</p> |

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| | | <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS</p> <p>To prioritise and manage the mitigation of Risk in order that the Council can achieve its objectives.</p> <p>Updates to the Corporate Risk Strategy were considered appropriate in order to facilitate greater understanding of risk maturity and improved organisational performance against the Alarm national performance model for risk management in public services, as suggested by Internal Audit. This is also highlighted as an improvement action in the Annual Governance Statement.</p> |
| Item 5 | General Fund, HRA and Capital Out-turn 2017/18 | <p>a) Cabinet note the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the 2017/18 revenue outturn for the General Fund, the HRA Outturn and the Capital Programme, as outlined in the report; • the carry-forward of unutilised project funding in 2017/18 from earmarked reserves for Phase 2 of the Transport Review (£15k) from the Asset Renewal Reserve and completion of the Stock Condition Survey (£13k) from the HRA Eco Funding Reserve; • the allocation of earmarked reserves for Sutton in Ashfield Town Centre improvements to street furniture (£34k) from the Section 106 Funding specifically earmarked for this purpose; • the transfer of £50k of the General Fund underspend to the Asset Repair and Renewal Reserve to help meet costs arising from the Stock Condition Survey and other urgent works as identified; <p>b) approval be given to the carry-forward of £54k earmarked funding in the District Planning Enquiry to meet costs of the Local Plan which, due to delays in 2017/18, will now be incurred in 2018/19</p> |

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| | | <p>c) the following be agreed and recommended to Council for approval: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the allocation of up to a maximum of £443k of earmarked funding, initially from the Revenue Technology Investment Reserve, to fund the Finance System upgrade and the replacement Income System (year 1 costs); • the use of £172k of the £342k 2017/18 General Fund underspend, to meet additional Service review costs in 2018/19; • the carry-forward of £2.001m of the 2017/18 Capital Programme underspend into 2018/19, due to slippage to the Programme. <p>REASON FOR DECISION</p> <p>To report the Council's financial outturn for 2017/18 and to comply with the Council's Financial Regulations.</p> |
| Item 6 | Council's Treasury Management and Borrowing Activities | <p>that Cabinet endorses the performance in 2017/18 against the prudential indicators, as outlined in the report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION</p> <p>To meet the requirements of the Council's Financial Regulations (C.29).</p> |
| Item 7 | Council's Insurance Requirements | <p>that the annual report on insurance, as detailed in the report, be noted.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION</p> <p>To meet the requirements of the Council's Financial Regulations (C.37).</p> |
| Item 8 | Public Spaces Protection Order - Consultation | <p>a) delegated authority be granted to the Interim Director of Place and Communities to carry out the necessary consultation and notification of the proposed extension and</p> |

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| | | <p style="text-align: center;">variation of the existing PSPO prior to its expiration on 30 September, 2018;</p> <p>b) approval be given to an evidence gathering exercise being undertaken in respect of car cruising activities in areas of the District not covered by the existing PSPO. On the basis that sufficient evidence is gathered, the Interim Director of Place and Communities be authorised to carry out the necessary consultation and notification for the variation of the existing PSPO;</p> <p>c) any responses arising from the recommendations as outlined in (a) and (b) above, shall be considered by the Interim Director of Place and Communities and reported to Council as appropriate.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS</p> <p>1. In line with Section 60, Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, a PSPO may not have effect for a period of more than 3 years unless extended. The existing PSPO enacted 1 October, 2015 relating to a number of dog related issues, alcohol and urinating will therefore expire on 30 September, 2018 unless the PSPO is extended. Extending the PSPO ensures that the Council and Police can take suitable action including Fixed Penalty Notices for these types of issues. In addition, evidence has been gathered to support appropriate variation of the PSPO, as detailed within the main body of the report.</p> <p>2. In line with Section 59, Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 there must be evidence to support the need for a PSPO including variation. The report submitted to Cabinet on 30 November 2017 identified and evidenced the issue of car cruising taking place at Junction 27 of the M1 and immediate vicinity. If evidence becomes available, particularly if there is displacement of car cruising to other areas of the district, the Interim Director of Place and Communities will be in a position to expedite the process and carry out the necessary consultation and notification before reporting back to Full Council (as appropriate).</p> |

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| Item 9 | Digital and Service Transformation Programme | <p>a) the proposed Digital and Service Transformation Programme, intended vision and benefits, as outlined in the report, be noted. Furthermore, approval be given for the progression of the programme subject to a more detailed business case being submitted to the Cabinet meeting scheduled for September, 2018 for consideration;</p> <p>b) the indicative Digital and Service Transformation Programme schedule, in accordance with priorities for improved customer service and organisational transformation, be approved;</p> <p>c) Cabinet notes that the provision of further external support will be determined by the Digital and Service Transformation Board, to facilitate development of the final detailed business case, Customer Access Strategy and future operating model.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS</p> <p>Demand for public services and expectations of levels of service are ever increasing. Residents and businesses expect the same levels of access, ease of use and customer service that they see online from large private sector organisations. They expect to be able to access their services from multiple locations and in ways that suit them.</p> |
| Item 11 | Housing Digital and Service Transformation Programme (Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3) | <p>a) approval be given to the purchase and implementation of 4x Housing Management modules, associated licences and mobile devices with immediate effect, to be funded from the Housing IT Reserves;</p> <p>b) subject to a more detailed cost benefit analysis being undertaken, an outline approval be granted for the purchase and implementation of a mobile Housing Repairs Solution incorporating a repairs module, associated licences, handheld devices and Dynamic Resource Scheduler;</p> <p>c) an Exception to Contract Procedure Rules, in accordance with Rule 17.1 as set out in</p> |

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| | | <p>the report, be approved to enable the Authority to enter into a 5-year contract with the preferred provider in relation to mobile working plans.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS</p> <p>To enable the Housing Department to work in a more flexible and efficient way, whilst being able to deliver a more effective and enhanced service to customers.</p> |
| Item 12 | Corporate Finance System - Upgrade (Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3) | <p>a) in accordance with Financial Regulations the allocation of funding to progress the upgrade of the Corporate Finance System, on the terms as detailed in the report, be agreed and recommended to Council for approval;</p> <p>b) approval be given to additional annual licensing and maintenance costs, as detailed in the report, being included in the 2019/20 budget;</p> <p>c) an exception to Contract Procedure Rules, in accordance with Rule 17.1 as set out in the report, be approved to enable the Authority to enter into a 5-year contract with the preferred provider in respect of the Corporate Finance System.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS</p> <p>To transform the Corporate Finance System utilising modern technology to realise cashable efficiencies and improvements to the service within 18 months of implementation.</p> |
| Item 13 | Payment and Income Management System (Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3) | <p>a) funding for upfront implementation costs, annual maintenance costs and support to award a contract to the successful Tenderer for the Payment and Income Management, on the terms as detailed in the report, be agreed and recommended to Council for approval;</p> |

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| | | <p>b) the procurement exercise, as outlined in the report, be agreed;</p> <p>c) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Resources and Business Transformation to extend the contract, on the terms as detailed in the report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS</p> <p>To enable the Council to provide a Payment and Income Management System that is fit for purpose as well as future proofing the Council as the Digital and Service Transformation Programme develops and new ways of working are implemented.</p> |
| Item 14 | Permission for Commercial Land Sales (Exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3) | <p>a) approval be given to the sale of the two sites, as outlined in the report;</p> <p>b) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Resources and Business Transformation to conclude negotiations in relation to the heads of terms of the sales including the sale price, in conjunction with the Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer) and the Portfolio Holder.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS</p> <p>To provide the Council with capital receipts and to enable two business ventures to expand.</p> |