

## Ashfield District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 10 September 2018

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
<b>Item 3</b>	Minutes	the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be received and approved as a correct record.
<b>Item 4</b>	Council Tax - Empty Property Premium	<p>the following changes, provided for in the Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill, once enacted, be implemented giving the Council powers to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) apply a 100% Premium to the total annual Council Tax bill on unoccupied dwellings that have stood empty for over 2 years but less than 5 years;</li> <li>b) apply a 200% Council Tax Premium to the total annual Council Tax bill on dwellings that have been continuously unoccupied between 5 and 10 years;</li> <li>c) apply a 300% Council Tax Premium to the total annual Council Tax bill on properties that have been continuously unoccupied for a period exceeding 10 years.</li> </ul>
<b>Item 5</b>	Civil Penalties for Council Tax and for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme	approval be given for the utilisation of powers for imposing civil penalties for Council Tax as and when required by the Council.
<b>Item 6</b>	Budget Monitoring (Position to end of July 2018) - General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the forecast variances against proposed revised budgets for the General Fund (underspend of £20k), HRA (underspend of £927k) and Capital Programme (slippage of £7.265m), as presented, be received and noted;</li> <li>b) the proposed General Fund (£848.7k) and HRA (£42k) budget revisions as included in the report, be approved.</li> </ul>

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<b>Item 7</b>	Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy	<p>a) the 'Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy, as appended to the report, be agreed and recommended to Council for approval;</p> <p>b) as a result of a) above and upon approval by the Council, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) be notified as to the adoption of the Strategy.</p>
<b>Item 8</b>	Aids and Adaptations Policy	the Aids & Adaptations Policy, as appended to the report, be approved.
<b>Item 9</b>	Private Sector Housing Renewals Policy	<p>a) the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy, as attached at Appendix A to the report, be approved;</p> <p>b) delegated authority be granted to the Service Director – Housing and Assets, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Outward), to approve any minor changes to the Policy that are needed due to changes in legislation, regulation or good practice.</p>
<b>Item 10</b>	Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy	<p>a) the Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy, as presented, be approved;</p> <p>b) approval be given to the development of a tenant friendly version of the Tenancy Policy to be produced in association with the Council's current tenant groups.</p>