

Ashfield District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 1 December 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Item 3	Minutes	<p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13 October 2020 be received and approved as a correct record.</p>
Item 5	Scrutiny Review: Community Protection Service	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) Cabinet concurs with Scrutiny Panel A and notes the importance of and endorses the ongoing restructure and recruitment exercise within Community Safety thus ensuring the Community Protection Service is fully resourced;</p> <p>b) full consideration be given to the equipment needs of Community Protection Officers to ensure that the on-street presence and back office support maximises efficiency in both reporting and monitoring casework;</p> <p>c) the Community Protection Service to focus on four core priorities of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a visible presence • Dealing with anti-social behaviour issues • Working collaboratively with key partners • Ensuring public safety in Ashfield <p>whilst maintaining a flexible approach to holistic issues;</p> <p>d) as part of a wider engagement initiative, a managed consultation exercise is undertaken to understand public perception of the Community Protection Service also allowing the Council an opportunity to raise awareness of the Community Protection Service and its priorities;</p>

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		<p>e) delegated power be granted to the Director of Place and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, to ensure all options are explored regarding the use of powers accredited to Community Protection Officers;</p> <p>f) the Community Protection Service continues to expand on partnership working with the Police and other key partners, including training opportunities and intelligence sharing, to ensure a more integrated approach to community safety in the District;</p> <p>g) following the review and restructure of Community Safety, the Community Protection Service topic be referred back to Scrutiny as appropriate in 2021.</p>
Item 6	COVID-19 Response and Recovery Scrutiny Panel - Verbal Update	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) the update from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Panel, as presented, be received and noted;</p> <p>b) Cabinet acknowledges and supports the following ideas and suggestions arising from the Panel discussions at its 5 November 2020 meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. concerns for the ongoing viability and survival of sole traders and small businesses should lockdowns continue. 2. to avoid undue worry and to allow local businesses to react proactively to the current climate, a request for additional communication regarding the latest Government guidelines to be sent out to business communities in a swift and timely manner;

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. to make all businesses aware of existing local business forums like Discover Ashfield Board and our Town Centre Trader Groups and encourage their participation and if needed, to establish new forums where existing provisions are not suitable; 4. to continue work around the establishment of a shop recognition scheme for businesses that have provided exemplary Covid-secure environments for customers; 5. options for how the Council and local businesses can continue to support local foodbanks and health and wellbeing organisations during the pandemic; 6. appreciation to Cabinet for the imminent provision of hand sanitiser stations at car parking ticket machine location; 7. concerns around the extensive, ongoing, cost of providing PPE to protect employees and a hope to see a tax relief or reimbursement scheme from Government in the near future.
Item 7	The Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the requirements within the Housing Ombudsman Complaint Code, be duly acknowledged; b) the introduction of a Housing Complaints Policy, as presented, be approved; c) the self-assessment to be published on the Council’s website by 31 December 2020, be authorised.

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Item 8	22020/21 Forecast Outturn Position for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme as at September 2020	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the current forecast outturn for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme 2020/21 as presented, be received and noted; b) the budget adjustments outlined in section 3.1 and Table 3 of the report, be approved; c) Council be recommended to approve the proposed addition to the Capital Programme as set out in Section 6.3 of the report.
Item 9	Green Spaces Capital Investment Programme	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the proposed site-specific green space improvement projects, as outlined in the report, be approved; b) progress on the Green Space Improvement Programme, as presented, be received and noted.
Item 10	Business Support and Towns Funding Update	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the updates regarding support to businesses during the pandemic and progress on the Towns Fund Accelerated Projects, as presented, be received and noted; b) the principle of utilising Compulsory Purchase Powers if required for projects being developed through the Towns Fund or other funding sources, be agreed.