

Ashfield District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 26 January 2021

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Item 3	Minutes	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 December 2020 be received and approved as a correct record.
Item 10 (moved)	Environmental Charter	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the significant progress made in keeping Ashfield clean and safe, be received and noted; b) the proposed enhancements to operational services, community engagement and environmental enforcement be endorsed and welcomed; c) approval be given for the development of an Environmental Charter to incorporate the enhancements set out in this report and to grant delegated authority to the Director of Place and Communities, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Streets, Parks and Town Centres, for finalisation of the Charter as required; d) approval be also given to the Director of Place and Communities to ensure the effective communication of the Council's current performance and the proposed Environmental Charter to Ashfield residents; e) the proposal to present regular performance updates to Cabinet as part of the Council's wider performance framework, be endorsed.
Item 11 (moved)	Public Funerals	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the proposed policy relating to Public Health Funerals under the Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act 1984, Section 46, as appended to the report be approved;

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		<p>b) Council be recommended to approve (as part of the 2021/22 Annual Budget Report to Council in March 2021) the revised budget to accommodate the statutory responsibility of £9,100 (giving a total budget of £15,000), with the revised budget being kept under review with any required variation being brought back to Cabinet for approval.</p>
Item 5	Corporate Plan Performance - April to September 2020 Update	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) having reviewed the levels of performance achieved against the Corporate Plan and Corporate Scorecard, as at Quarter 2 2020/21, progress be received and noted;</p> <p>b) the significant levels of continued service provision to date, despite the impacts of the pandemic, be acknowledged accordingly.</p>
Item 6	Social Housing White Paper	<p>RESOLVED that the key implications for Ashfield District Council arising from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Social Housing White Paper, as outlined in the report, be received and duly noted.</p>
Item 7	Proposed Fees and Charges 2021/22	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>a) that the proposed Fees & Charges booklet for 2021/22, as appended to the report, be approved;</p> <p>b) it be noted that all applicable increases will take effect as soon as practically possible after 1 April 2021.</p>

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Item 8	Housing Rent Setting 2021/22	<p>RESOLVED that the following HRA rent level and other HRA accommodation related charges be set for 2021/22 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) an average rent increase of September Consumer Price Index (CPI) (0.5%) + 1% for all Council house rents for 2021/22; b) a garage average rent increase of CPI (0.5%) + 1% for 2021/22; c) a weekly amenity charge of £1.37 (an increase of £0.02p) for all Council house properties for 2021/22; d) a decrease to the communal heating charges of 5% for 2021/22; e) an increase for water charges at Brook Street Court of 0.9% for 2021/22; f) an increase for service charges for the properties at Hawkers Place of Retail Price Index (RPI) at December 2020 for 2021/22.
Item 9	Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Forecast 2021/22 - 2024/25	<p>RESOLVED that the impact of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) five year financial forecast and the inherent financial risks within, as presented, be received and noted.</p>
Item 12	Ashfield Health and Wellbeing Partnership Strategy 2021-25	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the significant progress made against the Health and Happiness theme in the Council's Corporate Plan, be received and noted;

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		<p>b) the development of the Health and Happiness Strategy 2021- 2025 and the framework for the strategy, as set out in this report, be approved;</p> <p>c) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place and Communities to sign off the final strategy following its completion.</p>
Item 13	Future High Streets Funding	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) the update on the successful outcome of the Future High Streets bid for Sutton in Ashfield, be received and noted;</p> <p>b) Council be recommended to accept the Future High Streets funding of £6.27m;</p> <p>c) approval be given to the delivery of the projects, in principle, subject to the reworking of the business case to reflect the level of funding awarded.</p>