

Ashfield District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 21 July 2020

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Item 3	Minutes	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 30 June 2020 be received and approved as a correct record.
Item 4	Corporate Plan and Year End Decision	RESOLVED that a) the successful delivery of the Corporate Plan to date and the levels of performance achieved against the Corporate Scorecard as at year-end 2019/20, be noted; b) the Corporate Plan refresh, as appended to the report, be approved; c) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to review and revise the Corporate Scorecard, aligned to the Corporate Plan.
Item 5	LGA Peer Challenge 2020	RESOLVED that a) the actions arising and progress made in respect of the LGA Peer Challenge key recommendations to date, be received and endorsed; b) approval be given for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to monitor the implementation of the key recommendations and supporting action plan.
Item 6	Review of Street Naming and Numbering Policy	RESOLVED that the revised Street Naming and Numbering Policy, as appended to the report, be approved.
Item 7	Policy for Discharging the Homelessness Duty into the Private Rented Sector	RESOLVED that the Policy on Discharging the Homelessness Duty into the Private Rented Sector (PRS), as presented, be approved.

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Item 8	Affordable Housing Development - Sutton in Ashfield	<p>RESOLVED that the following be approved subject to the necessary planning consent and confirmation of Homes England funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to approve the demolition of two community centres, namely The Beeches and The Poplars, for the purpose of redeveloping the land for much needed adapted housing let on an affordable rent basis; b) to declare that the Stoney Street car park is no longer required for the purposes of car parking and to approve its future use as family housing let on an affordable rent basis; c) to grant delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Assets, in conjunction with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Corporate Finance Manager (and Section 151 Officer), to agree the appropriation of the Stoney Street site from the General fund to the Housing Revenue Account based upon best consideration of the land value, lost car park revenue and the parameters of the social housing viability model; d) to recommend that Council approves the use of Housing Revenue Account reserves to fund the site clearances and the development of circa 9 new Council Homes, and if approved, the project be added to the Capital Programme; e) to grant delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Assets, in conjunction with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Corporate Finance Manager (and Section 151 Officer), to negotiate and formalise fees, scheme costs, specification, delivery and any other aspects of the proposed development;

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		<p>f) To grant delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Assets, in conjunction with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Corporate Finance Manager (and Section 151 Officer), to procure and appoint a contractor to develop the three sites as a single package;</p> <p>g) to grant delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Assets to contract, on behalf of the Council with Homes England, for the purposes of receiving subsidy to ensure that developments are viable and fall within the Council's 30 year business plan model.</p>
Item 9	Corporate Risk - Year End 2019/20 Position	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) the current significant items on the Register and the actions being taken to mitigate those risks, be received and noted with the establishment of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Panel being added to the list of mitigating actions for the Council's response to the risk associated with the COVID-19 pandemic;</p> <p>b) the updated Corporate Risk Strategy, as presented, be approved.</p>
Item 10	Draft Out-turn 2019/20 Accounts	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) the 2019/20 draft Revenue Outturn for the General Fund, the HRA Outturn and the Capital Programme Outturn, be noted;</p> <p>b) approval be given to the proposed in-year movements to and from reserves (Section 1.11);</p> <p>c) approval be also given for the 2020/21 revenue budgets being adjusted to reflect carry-forward of 2019/20 'approved but not utilised' project funding from earmarked reserves (Section 4);</p>

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		d) Council be recommended to approve the carry-forward of the £10.4m underspend on the Capital Programme to 2020/21 due to slippage (delays to schemes) included within the Programme (Section 3).
Item 11	Council's Insurance Arrangements 2019/20	RESOLVED that the contents of the 2019/20 Annual Insurance Report, as presented, be received and noted.
Item 12	Contract for Procurement Services	RESOLVED that a) approval be given to the costs and scope of service for the Contract for Procurement Services to be supplied by Nottingham City Council; b) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Resources and Business Transformation, to negotiate and agree a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with representatives of Nottingham City Council for the provision of procurement services to Ashfield in line with the details contained in the report; c) delegated authority be also granted to the Director of Legal and Governance to finalise the legal elements of the contract.
Item 13	Community Engagement Strategy	RESOLVED that a) the draft Community Engagement Strategy, as appended to the report, be approved;

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		<p>b) further consultation (internal and external) be undertaken to finalise the Strategy with delegated authority being granted to the Director of Place and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Leisure and the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing, to complete the document as required;</p> <p>c) a toolkit for staff be developed, alongside a training module to ensure competency when implementing the Strategy across the Council.</p>
Item 14	Urgent Item of Business: Towns Fund Accelerated Projects	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) the £750k funding for both Kirkby and Sutton from the Government’s Towns Fund, to deliver a number of capital projects within this financial year, be accepted;</p> <p>b) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place and Communities, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Place, Planning and Regeneration, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • select the projects for each town; • commission specialist advisors for the development and delivery of the projects; • develop and deliver the projects.