

Ashfield District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
Item 10	Ashfield District Council: Infrastructure Funding Statement 2020/21	RESOLVED that the Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement 2020/21, dated November 2021, be approved and published on the Council's website in accordance with Regulation 121A of the Regulations.
Item 4	COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel Update	RESOLVED that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) partnership working continues to be prioritised with the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group to develop a schedule and identify suitable locations for the vaccination bus; b) a co-ordinated and targeted engagement approach be undertaken using all communication methods available to the Council, to reduce vaccine hesitancy including debunking misinformation, sharing updates on the vaccination programme, and continuing to advertise the vaccination bus; c) a wider communications exercise be undertaken to share relevant case studies relating to COVID-19 vaccinations and booster jabs; d) any extra measures be explored that could be implemented to support people with mental health and learning difficulties that may prevent them from accessing the COVID-19 vaccination; e) the challenges in vaccination uptake present in Summit, Abbey Hill, Leamington, and New Cross wards be recognised and consideration be given as to how the Council can use its position to improve take-up in these areas; f) as a result of (e) above, Councillors representing the above wards be consulted and engaged in any activities to target vaccination uptake.

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Item 5	Development of Social Housing on Warwick Close, Kirkby in Ashfield	<p>RESOLVED that subject to planning consent and Homes England funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the use of the land to redevelop housing for affordable rent, be approved; b) the use of both Housing Revenue Account reserves and, if appropriate, commuted capital sums to fund the construction of new affordable homes, be approved; c) the use of Right to Buy receipts (after further appraisal) if no Homes England grant is made available to make the scheme viable, be approved; d) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Housing and Assets, in conjunction with the Corporate Finance Manager (and Section 151 Officer), to negotiate and formalise final scheme costs, specification and delivery.
Item 6	Disposal of Unviable Garage and Plot Sites	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the process officers have followed to review the viability and future use of Council owned garage and plot sites to date, be noted; b) the designated sites stated in this report as surplus on the basis of their limited current use, the lack of suitable alternative uses and the investment that is required to make them viable for any other purpose, be approved; c) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Resources and Business Transformation, in conjunction with the Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer) and the Corporate Finance Manager (and Section 151 Officer), to dispose of the designated sites with disposal being in accordance with the Council's Disposals Policy and will be on the basis of achieving best value, with any further negotiations with Service Manager for Commercial Development).

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Item 7	Social Housing White Paper - Update	RESOLVED that the key implications and priorities for Ashfield District Council arising from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Social Housing White Paper and the resulting identified actions, including progress against the reported action plan, be received and noted.
Item 9	2021/22 Forecast Outturn for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme as at September 2021	RESOLVED that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the current forecast outturn for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme for 2021/22, be noted; b) the budget adjustments outlined in Section 3.1, Table 3 of the report, be approved; c) the write-off of the outstanding invoices for the Hotel Investment Property in relation to Shearings, the previous tenant who went into administration, be noted.
Item 11	Corporate Risk Update	RESOLVED that the current significant items on the Corporate Risk Register, as presented be received and noted.
Item 12	Selective Licensing - Evaluation and Recommendations	RESOLVED that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the findings of the evaluation of Selective Licensing Schemes, as attached at Appendix A, be noted; b) approval be given in principle to the renewal of the existing Selective Licensing Schemes for a further 5-year period, subject to a 10-week period of public consultation with the consultation period beginning immediately after the provisional decision is made and relating to both the terms and conditions of the scheme and the geographical boundaries of the designated areas;

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		c) the Director of Housing and Assets be requested to arrange a briefing for all Members in early 2022 in relation to the Selective Licensing Schemes and the Council's plans for extension for a further 5-year period.
Item 8	Termination of Legal Shared Service	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) the decision of Mansfield District Council to not renew the Legal Shared Service arrangement beyond the current service level agreement termination date of 31 October 2022, be received and noted;</p> <p>b) approval be given for the provision of in-house legal services on termination of the shared service;</p> <p>c) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Improvements, Corporate Communications and Cross Portfolio Support to agree an early termination date with Mansfield District Council if appropriate.</p>
Item 13	Purchase of Northern View, Sutton in Ashfield, for the purpose of developing Social Housing on the Site	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Housing and Assets, in conjunction with the Corporate Finance Manager (and Section 151 Officer) and the Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer), to negotiate and agree the purchase of land and title at Northern View, Sutton in Ashfield;</p> <p>b) approval be given for the use of Commuted Capital Sums to fund the purchase of the land in question;</p> <p>c) approval be given for the use of Housing Revenue Account reserves to fund the construction of new affordable homes, should the site be purchased;</p>

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		<p>d) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Housing and Assets, in conjunction with the Corporate Finance Manager (and Section 151 Officer), to negotiate and formalise final scheme costs, specification and delivery;</p> <p>e) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Housing and Assets to procure and appoint a contractor to develop the site;</p> <p>f) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Housing and Assets to contract, on behalf of the Council, with Homes England, for the purpose of receiving subsidy to ensure that any developments are viable and fall within a maximum payback period of 40 years.</p>