

EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO: RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE

1. Cabinet decisions since the last Executive Report to the County Council

- 1.1 There will have been 34 Cabinet meetings (12 December 2016, 23 January 2017, 20 February 2017 and 13 March 2017) since the last Executive Report to County Council in November 2016. The items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio were:-

12 December 2016

Equality Strategy 2016 – 2020 [Forward Plan ref: A049/16]

Cabinet agreed the Equality Strategy 2016 – 2020, which sets out the County Council's commitment and vision for equality and diversity and the Authority's pathway to achieving this.

County Council Finance Report – Quarter 2, 2016/17 [Forward Plan ref: A056/16]

Cabinet agreed that capital budgets of £16.296m be reprogrammed to 2017/18 or future years and that the Director of Resources be authorised to re-programme £1.6m of planned top-up to the Spend to Achieve Capital Receipts Reserve.

Land At Harpenden Road, St Albans [Forward Plan ref: A068/160]

Cabinet authorised exclusion of the former playing field from the land at Harpenden Road, St Albans, which Cabinet had previously agreed be sold. This decision is to enable detailed consideration in the context of the Local Planning Authority's emerging District Plan of the possible need to use of the former playing field to meet the pressing demand for additional primary school places but without excluding its possible use as a public open space.

To Consider Whether To Obtain Land In Stevenage For Strategic Purposes [Forward Plan ref: A067/16]

Cabinet agreed to acquire the freehold title of land at Q3 Building, Caxton Way, Stevenage, given the County Council's ownership of surrounding land this parcel of land is considered to be in the Council's strategic interest.

17 January 2017

Public Engagement On The Integrated Plan 2017/18 - 2019/20 [Forward Plan A058/16]

Cabinet noted the results of the public engagement activity undertaken and agreed to take this into account when considering the proposed Integrated Plan for 2017/18 – 2019/20.

Integrated Plan 2017/18 - 2019/20 (incorporating the Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy) [Forward Plan A057/16]

The report considered by Cabinet introduced the Integrated Plan 2017/18 - 2019/20 and pulled together the impact of pressures and savings over the next

three years. Cabinet agreed that the proposed Integrated Plan, including the revenue budget and capital programmes for 2017/18 – 2019/20, and proposed changes in the Treasury Management Strategy to the Council's policy for Minimum Revenue Provision, be presented for review by Service Cabinet Panels, Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and Resources and Performance Cabinet Panel, prior to the Cabinet meeting on 20 February 2017. Cabinet also agreed the release of schools budget data/information to the Department for Education (DfE).

20 February 2017

Integrated Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20: The report considered by Cabinet recommended a proposed budget to the Council for 2017/18 – 2019/20 taking account of feedback on the draft plan from Cabinet Panels and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Appointment Of Auditors 2018/19 And Beyond: This report provided details of the options available to the Council for appointing external auditors for the Council for the audit of the 2018/19 accounts and beyond. Cabinet agreed to recommend to Council the proposal to opt in to sector led arrangements for the appointment on the basis that this would provide better value for money and support quality improvements across the public sector.

Proposed Disposal Of Sites No Longer In Service Use: Cabinet agreed the future disposal of a number of sites no longer in service use and surplus to requirements. Their release for disposal will enable future capital receipts to be generated for the sites and will reduce revenue holding costs.

13 March 2017

See paragraph 3 below.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 15 November 2016

2.1 None.

3. Anticipated / future decisions to be made by Cabinet

3.1 Anticipated / future decisions to be made by Cabinet are as follows:-

13 March 2017

Hertfordshire County Council Property Development Programme – Special Purpose Vehicle [Forward Plan A071/16]. Cabinet will be asked to approve the plan for the next steps in developing the Council's Property Development Programme, including the launch of an OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) procurement competition to identify a third party joint venture partner.

4. Key Partnerships

4.1 None.

5. Other comments

5.1 None.

6. Cabinet Panels

6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Resources and Performance Cabinet Panel has met on 9 December 2016, 10 February 2017 and 8 March 2017. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[9 December 2016](#)

[10 February 2017](#)

[8 March 2017](#)

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