

CABINET

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday, 15 September 2016. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Graham Watts.

1. POSITION STATEMENT 2016/17: FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND RISK (Q1)

Cabinet:

- (a) **NOTED** the Council's provisional financial position together with the performance and risk matters and contextual information set out in the report and Appendices A to C.
- (b) **ENDORSED** the suite of key performance indicators and Corporate Plan outcome measures attached at Appendices B1 and B2 of the report.
- (c) **APPROVED** the Strategic Risk Register and matrix set out in Appendices D and E of the report.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the body of the report.

Reason For Decision: These decisions are required to enable Members to maintain a sound understanding of the organisation's financial position, performance and risk and the local context in which it operates. This contributes to the evidence base for the ongoing review of priorities and enables, where appropriate, redirection of resources to reflect emerging priorities and address areas of concern.

2. EFFICIENCY PLAN

Cabinet **AGREED** to the submission of an efficiency plan to the Department for Communities and Local Government and **DELEGATED** drafting and approval of the plan to the Executive Director (Corporate Services) as the Council's Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Staffing.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report.

Reason For Decision: Publication of an Efficiency Plan, submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government and their subsequent approval will confirm elements of the indicative finance settlement for the Council for the years 2017/18 to 2019/20, enabling the Council to budget with more confidence over that period. The production of the Plan will contribute towards managing the corporate risk 'STR08' in relation to the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

3. APPRENTICESHIPS

Cabinet:

- (a) **NOTED** the content of the report and the budget and funding implications.
- (b) **SUPPORTED** the Council's participation in the Government's Apprenticeship initiative which commences in April 2017.
- (c) **REQUESTED** that officers give further consideration to the pay scale for apprenticeships and that this be reported back through the Council's budget setting process.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in paragraphs 39 to 42 of the report.

Reason For Decision: The reasons for these decisions are set out in the body of the report.

4. INTERNAL AUDIT SHARED SERVICE

Cabinet **APPROVED** the business case, as set out in the supplement to the agenda, and **DELEGATED** authority to the Executive Director (Corporate Services) to make decisions and to take steps which are necessary, conducive or incidental to the establishment of an Internal Shared Audit Service in accordance with the business case.

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the body of the report.

Reason For Decision: Reasons for this decision are set out in the body of the report.

5. FIVE YEAR LAND SUPPLY SITES AND LOCAL CONNECTION CRITERIA

Cabinet **APPROVED** option one in the report, as below, as a starting point for discussions on the requirement for a local connection criteria on five year land supply sites:

"The first eight affordable homes on each five year land supply site will be occupied by those with a local connection, the occupation of any additional affordable homes thereafter will be split 50/50 between local connection and on a districtwide basis.

If there are no households in the local community in housing need at the stage of letting or selling a property and a local connection applies, it will be made available to other households in need on a cascade basis looking next at adjoining parishes and then to need in the wider district, in accordance with the normal lettings policy for affordable housing. The number of homes identified for local people within a scheme will always remain for those with a local connection when properties become available to re-let."

Other Options Considered: Other options considered are set out in the body of the report.

Reason For Decision: To ensure the consideration of five year land supply sites by Planning Committee have a consistent and measured approach in determining how a local connection criteria is applied on individual sites.

