

Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 17 December 2020

Part I

London Road Development Options (EX3978) (Item 6.)

Resolved that the following be approved:

- a. a phased approach option to the development of the site within an overall vision for the development as a whole.
- b. the objectives of the development as per paragraph 5.14.
- c. commissioning a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to help better align development proposals with Planning Policy, to set out estate wide design criteria and infrastructure requirements and for the cost of this work to be found out of annual funding requested in this report.
- d. a one-off budget of £45,000 to provide funding for feasibility services in the 2020-21 financial year including, as appropriate, negotiations with estate stakeholders with commercial interests.
- e. the renaming of the London Road Industrial Estate working in consultation with the public.

Resolved to recommend, for inclusion in the budget papers, a revenue budget of £100,000 per annum over the next three years to provide for consultancy support during the project development where the Council does not have internal resources to provide the specific project resources.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 29 December 2020, then it will be implemented.

Approval to adopt a revised Housing Allocations Policy (EX3902) (Item 7.)

Resolved that the revised Housing Allocations Policy, as set out in Appendix A, be adopted and fully implemented when the Housing department's ICT allocations system is deployed.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- a delay in implementing the decision could cause the Council serious financial
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*implications or could compromise the Council's position.
therefore it will be implemented immediately.*

Response to the Local Electricity Bill Motions (EX3966) (Item 8.)

Resolved that:

- The Local Electricity Bill be supported, but that this support is contingent on the resolution of the issues identified in the APSE Energy Report, attached as Appendix B.
- The issues identified within the existing draft of the Bill are brought to the attention of our local MPs, so that they can potentially be addressed as the Bill progresses through Parliament.

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Safer Schools Motion (EX3964) (Item 9.)

Resolved that:

- The measures proposed in Councillor Pattenden's Motion may be appropriate in certain circumstances in some locations but should not be implemented as a single initiative;
- The Council continues to implement road safety and environmental improvements outside schools on the basis of identified local needs as part of the annual capital programme;
- The Council continues to invest in highway infrastructure that promotes and enables active travel, especially to schools, as part of the annual capital programme;
- The Council continues to work with schools to deliver road safety initiatives to equip children with the skills and knowledge required to travel to school safely, especially on foot or by bicycle or scooter. The Council should also evaluate the extent to which schools are aware of and engaged with these services;
- The Council continues to promote active travel to school, which by reducing reliance on car-based transport will lead to an improvement in local air quality and improve the health, fitness and mental wellbeing of children;
- The Council continues to monitor air quality across the district and to engage with schools to promote initiatives to reduce vehicle idling.

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Newbury Town Centre Pedestrianisation (EX3979) (Item 10.)

Resolved that:

- The measures proposed in Councillor Marsh's Motion are not implemented, at least in the short term;
- The consultants tasked with undertaking the Newbury Town Centre Study be asked to include the principle of permanent pedestrianisation in their work in order to facilitate consensus or, at least, a way forward on the issue;
- Prior to any informal consultation with stakeholders, the consultants work with the Highways Network Management team to ensure that any specific proposals made public are in accordance with the relevant road traffic legislation;
- An assessment is made of the extent to which the capacity that the town centre roads add to the network is actually needed. This would require modelling work by external transport consultants and therefore have time and cost implications;
- Should the above work determine that changes to the pedestrianised hours are desirable and can be implemented on a practical and legal basis a permanent traffic regulation order could be drafted and taken forward to statutory consultation.

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2020/21 Performance Report Quarter Two (EX3884) (Item 11.)

Resolved that:

- The strong progress and achievements made, despite challenges and constraints as a result of Covid-19, be noted.
- The impact of the Council's conscious decision to provide additional support to residents and local businesses and any further actions planned had been reviewed, in particular for:
 - Council Tax collected as a percentage of Council Tax due
 - Non domestic rates collected as percentage non domestic rates due
- The inclusion of new measures emerging as a result of Strategic Goals being delivered (as recommended by the OSMC) be approved. The list of measures and further details are provided at Appendix D.

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2020/21 Revenue Financial Performance Quarter Two (EX3908) (Item 12.)

Resolved that the Quarter Two forecast of a £1.5m under spend be noted.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *Report is to note only*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

2020/21 Capital Financial Performance Quarter Two (EX3909) (Item 13.)

Resolved to note:

- The forecast financial position as at Quarter Two.
- The proposed re-profiling of expenditure from 2020/21 into 2021/22.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *Report is to note only*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Treasury Management Mid Term Report - Financial Year 2020/21 (EX3989) (Item 14.)

Resolved to note the report.

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