

EXECUTIVE – 17TH AUGUST 2020 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Simmons (Chair), Councillors: Burnett, Castleman, M. Hussain, A. Khan, Malcolm, K. Malik, Shaw and Timoney

APOLOGIES: Councillor J. Hussain

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Franks

DECISIONS SHEET

Exemptions from the call-in process:

- (1) If the Council would be likely to suffer legal prejudice***
- (2) If the Council would be likely to suffer financial prejudice***
- (3) Where the calling-in of the decision would result in the decision not being capable of implementation at all***
- (4) Where the decision is to incur or forego expenditure of £5,000 or less except where the decision has been taken otherwise that in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework or any policies, practices, or procedures adopted by the Executive***
- (5) Where the decision results from a reference or report or recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Board or from a Task and Finish Group.***
- (6) Where the decision will be the subject of a recommendation to the Full Council***

AGENDA ITEM/ WARD(S) AFFECTED	SUBJECT	DEC. NO.	DECISION AND REASONS FOR DECISION	OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED
2.1 All	Published decision sheet of the Executive Meeting on 20 th June 2020	EX/91/20	That the published decision of the meeting of the Executive held on 20 th July 2020 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair in due course.	

<p>3.1 All</p>	<p>Next Steps Accommodation Programme</p>	<p>EX/92/20</p>	<p>(i) That the use of HRA capital funding to match fund Next Steps Accommodation Programme capital bids to provide specialist accommodation for rough sleepers be agreed in principle;</p> <p>(ii) That the Interim Service Director, Housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Customer & Commercial (Housing & Environment), be instructed to report back to a future meeting of the Executive on the final programme once the details are confirmed; or in the event that any additional capital investment is required.</p> <p>(iii) That the Interim Service Director, Housing, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Customer & Commercial (Housing & Environment) and the Section 151 Officer be authorised to agree final purchases within the approved programme.</p> <p>Reason: To support the ending of rough sleeping in Luton and ensure more effective support for people at risk of rough sleeping.</p> <p>(Note: The above items was considered by the Executive in compliance with Regulation 15 (General Exception) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangement) Meetings</p>	<p>a) The availability of other properties owned by partners in Luton Homeless Partnership was explored, and although suitable existing properties have been identified, MHCLG are clear that this fund is to be used for new homes and only 10% of the total grant will be allocated to renovation of existing properties.</p> <p>b) Other Registered Provider partners could use the match funding to acquire properties. If this is the case, then there may still be a need to acquire the property into the HRA in order to dispose on to another partner.</p> <p>c) There is no current agreed capital funding within the General Fund Capital Programme which could be used for this bid round.</p>
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			and Access to Information) (England) Regulation 2012)	d) Given the short timescale for schemes to be operational, it was not possible to commission newly built property for this programme. Additional homes will need to be purchased from the open market.
3.2 Northwell	Transfer of Futures House from People's Property Marsh Farm to Marsh Farm Futures	EX/93/20	That the transfer of the People's Property Marsh Farm Asset to Marsh Farm Futures be supported. Reason: To simplify the operation of the two companies and to consolidate the asset in Marsh Farm Futures	Keep the current arrangements in place - This is placing an additional burden on Marsh Farm Futures and is not considered appropriate.
8 All	Outside Bodies 2020-21	EX/94/20	That the appointment of representatives to serve on outside organisations be approved. Reason: To ensure that the Council is represented on outside organisations.	Not to appoint a Council representatives on outside organisations.
9 All	Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 1 2020-21	EX/95/20	(i) That the Quarter 1 monitoring forecast for the General Fund predicts a net overspend of £2.682 million, compared to the revised Emergency Budget be noted. (ii) That the changes to the budget resulting from continued developments with the	a) To reject the recommendations b) To request amend the report.

			<p>coronavirus, including costs and the Government funding provided to support the impacts of the virus be noted.</p> <p>(iii) That the capital budget changes detailed in paragraphs 33 to 43 of the Report of the Service Director, Finance & Audit (Ref: 9) be noted.</p> <p>Reason: To report the monthly performance indicators in accordance with the Council's policy and procedures.</p>	
10 All	Council Tax Reduction Consultation	EX/96/20	<p>(i) That the consultation is undertaken on a revised Council Tax Reduction scheme as detailed at option 3 in Appendix 1 to the Report of the Service Director, Revenues, Benefits and Customer Service (Ref: 10) be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That the consultation document and survey questions as detailed in Appendix 3 and 5 to the Report of the Service Director, Revenues, Benefits and Customer Service, (Ref: 8) be approved.</p> <p>Reason: To select an agreed option for consultation.</p>	<p>Many alternatives have been considered for a revised council tax reduction scheme. Here are some of the alternatives and why they were rejected by members:</p> <p>a) Minimum award cap - Awards below a certain level are not issued. Will affect households with higher excess income in ranges 3 and above. Cap level set at £500 would save £194k – Not sufficient saving.</p>

				<p>b) Maximum award cap – Awards above certain level capped. Will affect households in the lower excess income ranges 1 & 2. Cap set at £1300 would save £177k – Not sufficient saving.</p> <p>c) Removal of excess income 4, 5 & 6 – Reduction of excess income from £79.99 a week down to £49.99. Will remove all households excess income over £50 to £79.99 - £85,000 Not sufficient saving on its own but does reduce administration.</p> <p>d) Band D property cap – Council Tax Band D to G excluded from CTR – Affects households living in larger homes which tend to be families - £363k Not sufficient saving.</p>
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11 All	Academic Calendars for Community Schools and Maintained Nursery Schools 2020/22 and 2022/23	EX/97/20	<p>That the Academic Calendars, as set out at Appendix A (2021/22) and Appendix B (2022/23) to the Report of the Corporate Director, Children, Families and Education (Ref: 11), for Luton's Community Schools and Maintained Nursery Schools be approved.</p> <p>Reason: Statutory.</p>	The start date for the Autumn Term in 2022 was considered following feedback from one school during the consultation. It was determined that schools are able to hold training days at the start of term if they want to adjust the start date for students.
12 South	Plaiters' Lea Conservation Area	EX/98/20	<p>(i) That the name change of the Plaiters' Lea Conservation Area to the "Plaiters' Lea: The Hat District" be agreed.</p> <p>(ii) That the extensions to the Plaiters' Lea conservation area boundary be agreed;</p> <p>(iii) The Management Plan as set out in the Report of the Service Director, Planning and Transport be agreed.</p> <p>(iv) That the Conservation Area Appraisal be agreed.</p> <p>Reason: To consider change of name, extending the boundary and agree the management plan and note the appraisal.</p>	<p>a) An alternative option is to retain the existing name 'Plaiters' Lea Conservation Area'. It is considered that this name may not be immediately understood by visitors to the area and does not fully reflect the industry that took place.</p> <p>b) Another alternative option is to rename the area the "Hat District Conservation Area". Historic England did not agree with this option and it is considered sensible to follow their advice.</p> <p>c) To leave the boundary as it currently stands. This</p>

				<p>was rejected as it leaves buildings which contribute to the history and character of the area exposed and a site on the eastern edge open to unsympathetic redevelopment.</p> <p>d) To include the site of the old library car park accessed from Library Road. This was rejected as the site does not contribute to the character of the conservation area and at present its future use is not known.</p> <p>e) No management plan is put in place for the conservation area. This was rejected as there would be no guidance available regarding future activity within the conservation area.</p> <p>f) No modern appraisal of the conservation area is agreed. This was rejected as an understanding of the</p>
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				current buildings and environs of the conservation area is needed to engage in further activities in the area.
13	Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012	EX/99/20	A resolution was passed under Regulation 4(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the item(s) listed below as it is likely, that if members of the public were present during the transaction of the item(s), exempt information within the meaning of Paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 indicated the item would be disclosed to them.	
14.1	Private Decision Sheet of the Executive meeting held on 20 July 2020	EX/100/20	That the published decision of the meeting of the Executive held on 20 th July 2020 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair in due course. [Note: the above item was considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, Part VA)	
15.	Acquisition of Freehold	EX/101/20	That the recommendations in the report of the	

	Land		<p>Service Director, Property and Construction be approved.</p> <p>[Note: the above item was considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, Part VA)</p>	
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The meeting ended at 6.55pm

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EXEMPT INFORMATION
SUMMARY OF THOSE MATTERS WHICH BY VIRTUE OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 MAY BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

Paragraph
No.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour related matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.