

To: All Councillors

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Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE was held on Tuesday, 30 March 2021. The Decisions taken at the meeting are set out below.

The deadline for call-in of any of these decisions for scrutiny (within five working days) will be **NOON ON FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2021**. Members must notify Robin Taylor, Head of Policy and Governance, by e-mail, telephone or letter if they wish to refer a decision to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Constitution requires that **three members or substitute members of the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee may call-in** a decision of the Executive for scrutiny.

Members should contact their Chairman or Vice-Chairman before calling any items in.

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR

Head of Policy and Governance

NOTE FOR MEMBERS

The item numbers below correspond to the item numbers on the Executive Agenda.

AGENDA

6. **COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING CARE**

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council the creation of a new Council Tax exemption for Care Leavers to be applied until the age of 25.

Reason: Waverley is keen to work jointly with Surrey Council to support care leavers to provide care leavers with the help they require in these challenging times. One of the ways we can support our Surrey Care Leavers as Corporate Parents as set out in the Children and Social Work Act 2017 is to exempt all Care Leavers from their Council Tax responsibilities.

[This matter is recommended to Council for decision and is not subject to the call-in procedure.]

7. **INSURANCE COLLABORATION**

RESOLVED to approve the collaborative agreement to join the integrated insurance service led by London Borough of Sutton.

Reason: The key objectives for joining the collaboration are to reduce insurance costs, increase policy limits and to increase insurance administration and management capacity to mitigate the council's insurance administrative dependency on an experienced and difficult to replace part time officer.

[VALUE FOR MONEY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE]

8. **REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR RULE 6 REPRESENTATION AT PLANNING APPEAL LODGED BY UKOG (234) LTD IN RESPECT OF DRILLING FOR HYDROCARBON MINERALS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

RESOLVED to approve a supplementary estimate for £30,000 to meet the fees of the external consultants, to be met from the revenue reserve fund.

Reason: Whilst the Planning Service budget includes sums for contractors, it does not have sufficient funds to meet the abovementioned fees as well as support Development Management in respect of its business as usual duties. It is therefore necessary to seek a supplementary estimate to pay the above amount.

[ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE]

9. REVIEW OF REFUSE AND RECYCLING BIN PROVISION

RESOLVED that:

1. To approve the revised bin provision policy as set out in paragraph 8 of the agenda report.
2. As part of the procurement of any new Bins, consideration is given to the purchase of containers which maximise the use of recycled materials.
3. Delegated authority is given to the Head of Environmental and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, to implement the Policy and its operational management as soon as practicable.
4. If the Policy is adopted as laid out in 2 above, the s151 Officer uses his delegated authority to approve any fees laid out in this report, which are inconsistent with the schedule of fees and charges previously approved in the Council's Budget for the 2021-22 financial year.

Reason: To provide for suitable and sufficient bins to meet the Council's statutory and customer requirements for waste collection; to contribute to the financial needs of the Council within the current financial environment, through an appropriate charging policy for waste and recycling containers; and, to help meet the Council's climate change emergency response, as laid out in its Carbon Neutrality Action Plan; specifically, the commitments to moving toward zero waste, through ongoing reductions in residual waste arising from domestic collections and further improvements in the amount of collected waste which is reused, composted or recycled.

[This matter has already been considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

10. PROPERTY MATTER - PLOT 5 WHEELER STREET NURSERIES, WITLEY GU5 8QP: GRANT OF NEW LEASE FOR TWO GARAGES TO LANDSPEED HOMES LIMITED

RESOLVED to:

- approve grant of two garage leases to Landspeed Homes Ltd; and
- Delegate authority to officers to finalise the heads of terms and complete the necessary legal documents with the prospective tenant with detailed terms and conditions to be agreed by the Strategic Director, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).

Reason: To simplify the freehold and leasehold arrangements between the council and Landspeed in relation to a block of garages benefiting affordable housing provided by the council and Landspeed.

[VALUE FOR MONEY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE]

11. ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY

RESOLVED to adopt the Electric Vehicle Strategy.

Reason: To contribute to the Council's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan by encouraging the use of Electric Vehicles and working with partners to provide a network of charging points across the borough.

[This matter has already been considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.]

12. SERVICE PLANS 2021-2024

RESOLVED that the Service Plans 2021-2024 be approved.

Reason: Service Plans are a major part of the Council's performance framework and delivery mechanism for the Corporate Strategy.

[Service Plans have already been considered by the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committees.]

13. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT - COVID BUSINESS SUPPORT PROPOSALS 2021-22

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the allocation of £0.5m from the ARG first tranche of £2.5 received to wider business support measures with the balance and subsequent tranches being allocated to direct business grants alongside other grant schemes.
2. Approve the proposed four priority areas for strategic business support and the indicative initial spending plan set out in Annexe 1.
3. Delegate to the Strategic Director in consultation with the portfolio holders for finance and economic development, the spending of the wider support funding on specific business support projects and initiatives during 2021/22, having regard to the plan set out at Annexe 1.
4. Request officers to monitor activity and spending and report to councillors as part of the quarterly performance reports to Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Executive and to review the agreed proposals in six months, seeking approval if material changes are required.

Reason: The impact on the economy on certain sectors has been

considerable and this money enables Waverley Borough Council to work in a more strategic ways to assist recovery and long term support to local businesses and employment. The delegation requested will enable speedy utilisation of these vital government funds to support businesses where it is most needed. These proposals are in addition to the significant package of grants being awarded by Waverley through the government's various Covid support schemes.

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