

To: All Councillors

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Date: 6 October 2021

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE was held on Tuesday, 5 October 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 WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 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. **COMMENTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees be noted.**

7. **AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT IN WAVERLEY**

**RESOLVED**

- 1. That the commitment to secure five to ten homes, in the Borough, to assist Afghan refugees, through the Home Office resettlement programmes over a two-year period, subject to the availability of suitable homes, be supported;**
- 2. That the recruitment of a designated support worker, for up to three years, be agreed and the costs expected to be met by central government funding; and**
- 3. That the addendum to the Housing Allocation Scheme to allocate homes directly to eligible Afghan refugees for a two-year period as set out at Annexe One be approved.**

Reason: The Government has two initiatives to assist Afghan refugees the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) launched April 2021 for former locally employed staff and the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), launched August 2021 to assist vulnerable refugees who assisted the UK efforts and stood up for values e.g. democracy, women's rights, rule of law, freedom of speech.

The Government has committed to welcoming around 5,000 people from Afghanistan in the first year of the resettlement programme and up to 20,000 over the coming years. Local Authorities have been requested to assist the programme by providing homes and support services for integration.

Waverley Council Members and residents have recognised the plight of and risk to Afghan refugees and have pledged to support the humanitarian initiative.

**[HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE]**

8. THE BURYS DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS APPRAISAL STAGE 1

**RESOLVED**

1. That the progress made on the Burys Development Project to date, as detailed in Annexe 1, be noted; and
2. That a further budget of £15,000 to progress to Stage 2 be approved, to be met from the balance on the original approval and the Property Investment Reserve.

Reason: To comply with approval and governance arrangements as defined within the PID.

**[VALUE FOR MONEY & CUSTOMER SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE]**

9. NEW FUNDING PROCESS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2022 TO 2025 - THRIVING COMMUNITIES COMMISSIONING FUND

**RESOLVED that the launch of the Thriving Communities Commissioning scheme as set out in the report be agreed.**

Reason: To ensure that the Council's funding mechanism and approach to not-for-profit organisations meets the Council's corporate priorities, evidence-based community needs and takes into account the views of the Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Overview & Scrutiny Service Level Agreement Working Group.

**[COMMUNITY WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE]**

10. REVIEW OF THE MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME: REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

**RESOLVED that the Executive recommends to Full Council that:**

1. The report and recommendations of the IRP are noted.
2. In view of the continuing significant pressure on the Council's budgets, there is no change to the Members Allowances Scheme until after the next Borough elections in May 2023, at which time the Scheme should be reviewed again by an independent remuneration panel.
3. The annual indexation of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances in line with the percentage increase in staff salaries continues from 1 April 2022 for up to three years.

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

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

At 6.55pm it was, on the recommendation of the Leader, the Executive **RESOLVED** that, pursuant to Procedure Rule 20, and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public Page 5 be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified in the report in the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972; namely Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

12. PROPERTY MATTER: WEY COURT EAST PROPOSAL

**RESOLVED** that the Executive recommends to full Council that the recommendation as set out in the exempt report be approved.

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

13. PROPERTY MATTER: TICES MEADOW, FARNHAM

**RESOLVED** that the recommendation set out in the exempt report be approved.

Reason: For the reasons set out in the exempt report.

[VALUE FOR MONEY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE]

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