

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Monday 11 January 2016



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Monday 11 January 2016**
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1. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of 15 December, 2015, be approved as a correct record.

2. VAHT - ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(a) Decision(s)

That approval be given to the removal of the requirement for the Council to appoint 3 Members to the VAHT Board and to instead nominate 3 representatives, thus enabling the VAHT Board to make appointments in accordance with the advice of the National Housing Federation's Code of Guidance.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

To enable VAHT to comply with the guidance referred to in (a) above.

(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered

Not to accede to VAHT's request. However this would affect the Trust's ability to comply with the relevant Code of Guidance for Registered Providers.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living.

(e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensation(s)

As one of the Council's nominees, the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Communities and Civic Amenities, Councillor Mrs Macpherson, declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed.

3. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

(a) Decision(s)

(1) That the contents of AVDC's Equality Report for 2014 – 2015 be approved and published.

(2) That the Equality Objectives for 2016 – 2020 be approved for publication.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

This is a statutory requirement.

(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered

None.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. That Committee considered the report on 17 December, 2015, and Cabinet took account of the Scrutiny Committee's comments in reaching the above decisions.

(e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensation(s)

None.

4. BUDGET PLANNING 2016/17 AND BEYOND

(a) Decision(s)

(1) That the comments of the Finance and Services Scrutiny Committee be noted and the Committee thanked for its input to the budget planning process.

(2) That in relation to Council Tax, Council be recommended to increase this by the maximum 1.99% allowable for lower tier councils.

(3) That Council be recommended to approve the budget for 2016/2017 and the Medium Term Financial Plan as set out in summary form in Appendix A of the Cabinet report.

(4) That Council be recommended to approve Aylesbury Special Expenditure totalling £846,600 supported by a precept of £45 which represented a Council tax freeze for Special Expenses (as detailed in the Appendix to the Cabinet report).

(5) That the proposed fees and charges (taken into the final calculations) be approved as submitted.

(6) That Council be recommended to ring fence the sum of £600,000 in General Working Balances and to give delegated authority to the Director with responsibility for finance, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Compliance to approve a budgetary framework and allocations from within this sum.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

The Council is required to set a budget for 2016/2017 and to plan its financial commitments for future years.

(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered

Arrival at the budget proposals outlined in the Cabinet report involved consideration of a range of key factors as outlined in the current and previous reports.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services. That Committee considered the report on 17 December, 2015. Overall, the Scrutiny Committee supported the proposals outlined in the Cabinet report. The Scrutiny Committee Chairman attended the meeting and was invited to elaborate upon the committee's discussions. Cabinet's recommendations will now be considered by full Council and as such are not subject to call-in.

(e) Conflicts of Interest/Dispensation(s)

None.

CALL-IN TIMESCALES

Any requests for call-in must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 5pm on Thursday 21 January 2016. The request must be made by the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee or any 3 Members of that Scrutiny Committee.

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