

# CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 11 October 2016



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 11 October 2016** :-

## 1. NEW HOMES BONUS

### (a) Decision(s)

That the Panel's recommendations as set out in the Appendix to this Decision Notice, now including approval for funding towards the construction of a new village hall at Chearsley, be approved.

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

The rationale behind the decisions is explained in the [appendix](#) attached to the Cabinet report. Cabinet was of the view that the application from Chearsley Parish Council should be supported.

### (c) Alternative Options Considered

The options considered by the Panel and subsequently by Cabinet were whether or not to fund the applications (specifically in the case of the application from Chearsley Parish Council) and whether or not to impose specific conditions.

**NOTE:** The Chairman of Chearsley Parish Council attended the meeting and read out a statement in support of the Parish Council's application.

### (d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services.

### (e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

## **2. CAPITAL PROGRAMME (DEPOT DEVELOPMENT AND NEW FLEET)**

### **(a) Decision(s)**

That Council be recommended to:-

- (1) Make a provision of £3.6 million within the Capital Programme for the procurement and purchase of a new waste collection fleet, subject to OJEU and the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations.
- (2) Approve a capital budget of £9.2 million for option 1 and option 1a in the report submitted for the depot development project in order to provide certainty of compliance with statutory and regulatory obligations relating to waste collection, waste transfer and fleet parking.

(It being noted that a review of the depot development project will be undertaken before the implementation of option 1 to ensure that the requirements have not significantly changed regarding staff parking and waste storage at the site, and to identify other improvements or use of this area of the site following expiry of the tenancies of the existing units in December, 2018).

- (3) Permit additional borrowing up to a maximum of £12,860,000 in order to fund these schemes, whilst recognising that these amounts may be reduced when a review of capital resources takes place later this financial year as part of the normal budget development process.
- (4) Require officers to make the necessary adjustments to the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plans for 2017/18 and beyond, consistent with the above.

### **(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

Full depot and waste transfer infrastructure will give the Council certainty regarding health and safety and environmental compliance in the mid term and will allow for growth in households and accommodate additional waste during this period.

The enhanced waste workshop will give the Council flexibility in managing its own fleet and improve operations by reducing vehicle down time. In addition, the workshop allows for income generation from HGV testing and expansion for taxi and privately owned vehicle MOTs.

Changing the procurement approach for the fleet from leasing to outright purchase will save the Council around £300,000 per annum from reduced borrowing costs and will contribute to paying off the capital loan for the depot infrastructure.

### **(c) Alternative Options Considered**

To do nothing. However, currently the site is not fit for purpose and has been identified through the business risk assurance assessment as the Council's primary health and safety risk.

Alternative sites to which the depot might possibly be transferred have been researched. However given growth and land constraints, no suitable alternative site was identified that met the Council's requirements.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. That Committee received a similar report at its meeting on 4 October, 2016 and supported the proposals. However as the recommendations will be considered by full Council, they 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 20 October 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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