

# South Bucks District Council

## Cabinet Decision

Notice is given that the following decisions have been taken by Cabinet on Tuesday, 17 April 2018

### 6 **Performance Indicator Review 2018/19**

#### **(a) DECISION:**

The Cabinet received a report which updated Members on the outcomes of the Performance Indicator (PI) review for 2018/2019 and which sought approval for the proposed changes to reporting.

**RESOLVED** that the changes to the Performance Indicators for each service be approved.

#### **(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

Reviewing Performance Indicators allows each service to adjust targets, add in more relevant indicators and remove those indicators that do not provide valuable information so that the Indicators are relevant and up to date. Performance Indicators are part of the Service Planning process, and serve as an important part of the Council's performance management framework.

#### **(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Not applicable.

#### **(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

### 11 **Acquisition of Residential Properties**

#### **(a) DECISION:**

Cabinet received a report which considered how the Council may seek to end the long term use of Bed-and-Breakfast and private rented nightly let accommodation.

**RESOLVED** that

1. the overall business case for the acquisition of residential properties for use as temporary affordable housing be agreed;

2. the Director of Resources be given authority, following consultation with the Leader, to use any sums specifically included in the Council's Capital programme, currently £6.28 million, to purchase assets on receipt of a viable outline business case; and
3. the Head of Finance be authorised to carry out the necessary arrangements to obtain loan finance for the acquisitions approved under 1 above, if necessary.

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

- To support the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and reduce the cost of homeless accommodation, which is an important financial issue for the Council.
- To enable the Council to discharge its duty to accommodate those who are determined as homeless and in priority need.
- The provision of emergency accommodation in the district would reduce the health inequality risks associated with the placement of families out of the district.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

To not proceed with the scheme but to extend the use of the leasing scheme.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

12 **Buckinghamshire Domestic Violence & Abuse Strategy 2018-2021**

**(a) DECISION:**

The Cabinet were asked to comment on the Draft Buckinghamshire Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy 2018-2021.

**RESOLVED** that

1. the response to the consultation on the strategy as detailed in Appendix 2 be noted;
2. the approval and endorsement of final Strategy be delegated to Head of Healthy Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities; and
3. the intention to produce a multi-agency action plan to support delivery of the Strategy be noted.

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

To create a strategy to help ensure everyone in Buckinghamshire lives a life free from domestic abuse. The Strategy is integral to enabling effective multi-agency working that is essential to achieve the desired outcome.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Not applicable.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

14 **Local Enforcement Plan**

**(a) DECISION:**

The Cabinet received a report which set out a revised way of handling enforcement complaints and which sought approval of the Local Enforcement Plans for the two Districts.

**RESOLVED** that the Joint Local Enforcement Plan, as set out in the revised Appendix 1 to the report (see supplementary agenda No 2), be approved.

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

The proposed Joint Local Enforcement Plan would provide a common platform for the delivery of efficient and effective enforcement services in the two Councils to the benefit of residents. A Joint Local Enforcement Plan would ensure that both Councils are compliant with national guidance as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The option not to have a Local Enforcement Plan was considered but discounted as this option would not relate well to national guidance and would cause the two Councils to be out of alignment with the majority of other councils that have adopted such an approach and result in a poorer service to residents.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

15 **Exemplary Planning Service Action Plan**

**(a) DECISION:**

The Cabinet received a report which sought approval for the draft Exemplary Planning Service Action Plan, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

**RESOLVED** that the Action Plan for the delivery of an exemplary Planning Service, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

The work on the shared planning service has identified a need for a long-term vision within which the various process changes can be delivered. This work also identified that there were opportunities to take the shared planning service from the current position in which it finds itself to an exemplary position. This approach builds on the long standing high performance of both Councils on the speed of processing planning applications.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The option to not pursue an exemplary service was considered but it was agreed that this was not a suitable option as it is best to strive for excellence.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

18 **Redevelopment of former Gerrards Cross Police Station Site**

**(a) DECISION:**

Cabinet received a report which provided an update on key matters of concern regarding construction costs reported to the SBDC Joint Resources and Healthy Communities PAG on 29 January 2018 and Cabinet on 07 February 2018. The revised cost estimate from the framework contractor was set out in Appendix C of the report. The report also set out the draft business case, based on the latest revised estimate

cost, ahead of the final business case which was to be approved by Cabinet once 100% cost certainty is obtained.

**RESOLVED**

1. that the current position and the draft business case following the revised cost estimate received from the framework contractor be noted; and
2. to proceed with obtaining 100% cost certainty at a cost of £100,000, which is within the allocated £800,000 agreed by Council on 1 March 2017, with a further report to be presented on the detailed business plan before moving to the development phase subject to planning consent being achieved.

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

Due to the Council's projected financial position over the next few years, it is clear that the Council needs to maximise income generating opportunities in order to counter reductions in Government grant. This development opportunity would be providing much needed local housing , including affordable housing, and would enable the Council to receive an income stream rather than the private sector.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

To not proceed with obtaining 100% cost certainty at a cost of £100,000 and thereby the business case for the investment not being as robust as it could be.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

19 **Station Road Car Park Development Gerrards Cross**

**(a) DECISION:**

Cabinet received a report which updated Members on Station Road Car Park Development and which sought a steer on the way forward for the project.

**RESOLVED** that

1. the aspiration to provide the full scheme of 443 car park spaces with slight design changes be confirmed and that a planning application should be submitted;

2. a full business case for the scheme be submitted to the Resources PAG on 13th June 2018 and Cabinet on 27th June 2018 and that a further update be given to the PAG on 25th September and Cabinet on 17th October 2018; and
3. the release of expenditure required to complete Party Wall Awards, which is contained in the overall budget for the project, be approved.

And further

**RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the budget of £92,500 to resubmit the planning application and associated fees be approved;

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

To maximise the development on site and provide sufficient car parking to meet current parking issues in the Town and predicted local parking needs until 2053.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Cabinet considered the various different schemes outlined in the report.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

23 **Application for Discretionary Rate Relief**

**(a) DECISION:**

Cabinet considered an application for Discretionary Rate Relief as set out in the report.

**RESOLVED** that the Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded.

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

Awarding Discretionary Rate Relief will mirror the position with the organisation in respect of the premises they operate within the Chiltern District. Making the award will avoid the need for the Council to reimburse the rates paid by the organisation (in line with the contract) thereby the Council bearing the total cost of the rates, rather than a proportion if relief is granted.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

To not award relief and maintain the current position.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

None

30 **HS2 Work and Resourcing Report**

**(a) DECISION:**

Cabinet received a report which provided Members with an update on the work for the HS2 project and the resources for the work.

**RESOLVED** that

- 1) the report and progress made on the project be noted;
- 2) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into a Funding Agreement with HS2 for the delivery of the Additional Projects approved by the Colne Valley Regional Park Panel (CVRPP) under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011; and
- 3) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into agreements with relevant stakeholders/project leads appointed by the Colne Valley Regional Park Panel (CVRPP) for the delivery of the Additional Projects under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.

**(b) REASON FOR DECISION:**

To bring Members up-to-date on the work being undertaken on the project and the up to date position on the Service Level Agreement and the Funding Agreement to cover the resources being expended on the project.

**(c) ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

To not grant delegated authority to enter in the agreements as set out in the report.

**(d) CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS:**

Councillor L. Sullivan and Councillor N. Naylor declared a personal interest as

Directors of the Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company.

<b>Date Published:</b>	23 April 2018	<b>Call in Deadline Midnight on</b>	30 April 2018
<b>Date to be implemented</b> 1 May 2018			
<b>*recommendations to Full Council are not subject the call in procedure</b>			