

PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 03/18-19

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/19

Date Published: 10 August 2018

This document lists the decisions taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 7 August 2018. The list covers key and non-key decisions. These decisions will come into force within ten working days of the date of this document (i.e. 24 August 2018) unless the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee calls a decision in.

Cabinet decisions are subject to pre-implementation review through the following call-in procedure:-

Decisions that involve expenditure over £100,000 can be called in. "Call-in" requires at least a quarter of the Members of the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to request the "call-in", in writing, within four working days of the publication of the decision by the Cabinet, to be effective. Where the appropriate Committee has been previously involved in the decision which is being "called-in", the request should be made by Members of one of the other two Overview and Scrutiny Committees. A Notification of Call-in Form can be obtained from and should be completed, signed and returned to Graham Seal, Governance Services Manager. Either a special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the "called-in" item(s) will be convened within three working days of the call-in request or the item will be placed on the Agenda of the next available meeting of that Committee, depending on which can be achieved earliest. The Call-In procedure does not apply where the decision being taken by the Cabinet is urgent.

Where an Overview and Scrutiny Committee is of the opinion that an executive decision which relates to an area covered by that Committee yet to be made or made but not yet implemented would be, contrary to the policy framework, or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Council's budget, then it should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer and/or Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services).

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to:
Graham Seal, Governance Services Manager at the Council Offices, Campus East,
Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AE
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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Local Energy East Strategy

| Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph) | Wards affected by the Decision | Interest declared in respect of the Decision | Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent) | Contact Details | Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by | Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
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| 1 | All Wards | No | Forward Plan Reference FP867 | Colin Haigh Tel: 01707 357239 c.haigh@welhat.gov.uk | No | Environment |

DECISION:

The Strategy was endorsed and Officers would engage with colleagues from the Herts Local Enterprise Partnership to deliver its actions.

| BACKGROUND: | |
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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Waiting Restrictions and Introduction of Verge Protection Order in Various Roads, Handside Ward, Welwyn Garden City

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| 1 | Handside | No | Non-Key | Jack Carson Tel: 01707 357529 j.carson@welhat.gov.uk | No | Environment |

DECISION:

- (1) The deferral of consideration of the Verge Protection Order by the Panel to a future meeting was noted.
- (2) Having considered the reasons for the proposals, the objections received and in particular the issues raised around equalities and diversity including any proposed mitigating actions, the Cabinet agreed to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order for the restriction of waiting and permit parking zones in the Handside Ward of Welwyn Garden City.

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Revenue Budget Quarter 1 Monitoring Report for the Financial Year 2018/19

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| 1 | All Wards | No | Non-Key | Daniel Williams Tel: 01707 357389 d.williams@welhat.gov.uk | No | Resources |

DECISION:

- (1) The revenue forecast outturn position as at Quarter 1 was noted.
- (2) The following virements were approved:-
 - £105,000 increase to grant income in Council Tax
 - £105,000 decrease to the Localised Council Tax Support grant line shown outside of the net cost of services
- (3) The position on debts was noted.

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Capital Budget Monitoring as at 30 June 2018 (Quarter 1)

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| 1 | All Wards | No | Non-Key | Tracy Fortune Tel: 01707 357219 t.fortune@welhat.gov.uk | No | Resources |

DECISION:

The overall position as at Quarter 1 on the capital programme and the update on the capital funding and reserves position was noted.

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Report on Grave Clearance at the Lawn Cemetery

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| 1 | All Wards | No | Non-Key | Zoe Woodward Tel: 01707 357184 z.woodward@welhat.gov .uk | No | Environment |

DECISION:

The Cabinet agreed to expand the remit of the Crematorium Procurement Group to consider and make recommendations back on the way forward for grave clearance at the Lawn Cemetery.

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Disposal of Freehold Interest in General Fund Properties

| Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph) | Wards affected by the Decision | Interest declared in respect of the Decision | Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent) | Contact Details | Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by | Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
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| 2 | Panshanger | No | Forward Plan Reference FP873 | Mike Storey Tel: 01707 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk | No | Resources |

DECISION:

- (1) The disposal of the site detailed in the exempt report was approved.
- (2) The following approach to the disposal was approved:-
 - The residents to be approached to offer them the opportunity to purchase for the price detailed in the exempt report
 - Should residents not wish to purchase, the property be placed into auction.
- (3) Delegated authority was given to the Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services), in consultation with the Executive Member (Resources), to set the reserve price based on updated valuations if the property proceeded to auction.

BACKGROUND:

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

Award of Contract - Reroofing of Culpitt House, Hatfield

| Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph) | Wards affected by the Decision | Interest declared in respect of the Decision | Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent) | Contact Details | Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by | Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
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| 2 | Hatfield Central | No | Forward Plan Reference FP872 | Mike Storey Tel: 01707 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk | Yes by 16 August 2018 | Social |

DECISION:

The contract for the reroofing of Culpitt House in Hatfield was awarded to H.J. Haywood and Sons Limited.

| BACKGROUND: | |
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Property Investment

| Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph) | Wards affected by the Decision | Interest declared in respect of the Decision | Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent) | Contact Details | Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by | Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
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| 2 | All Wards | No | Forward Plan Reference FP863 | Ka Ng Tel: 01707357275 k.ng@welhat.gov.uk | Yes by 16 August 2018 | Resources |

DECISION:

- (1) The Cabinet agreed in principle to purchase the property.
- (2) Delegated authority was given to the Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) in consultation with the Executive Member (Resources), to agree the final offer for the purchase once the building survey and due diligence process were completed.

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Proposals to Support a Night Shelter in Queensway House, Hatfield

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| 2 | Hatfield Central | No | Non-Key | Mike Storey Tel: 01707 357457 m.storey@welhat.gov.uk | Yes by 16 August 2018 | Social and Resources |

DECISION:

- (1) The Cabinet approved, in principle, the proposed use of Queensway House as a Night Shelter.
- (2) The Cabinet confirmed it would be prepared to accept the proposed change of use under the lease for this accommodation.
- (3) The Cabinet approved funding of 30% of the costs of conversion, from retained Right to Buy receipts, subject to an absolute cap of £200,000.

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| 2 | All Wards | No | Non-Key | Zoe Woodward Tel: 01707 357184 z.woodward@welhat.gov .uk | No | Environment |

DECISION:

Further to the report in the part 1 public section of the meeting, the Cabinet agreed to expand the remit of the Crematorium Procurement Group to consider and make recommendations back on the way forward for grave clearance at the Lawn Cemetery.