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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A5</b>	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2021/22	<p><b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2021/22 be approved.</li> <li>(ii) That New Homes Bonus be used to finance more infrastructure and investment property already in the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 3.29 of the report.</li> <li>(iii) That the projected balanced budgets and budget gap as detailed in report be noted.</li> </ul> <p>REASON</p> <p>To enable a balanced budget target to be established.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Approval of Multi-Functional Device Tender Process	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets, be authorised to award the contract for the provision of multi-functional devices when the joint tender process has been completed.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To avoid an unacceptable delay in the contract award process.</p>
<b>A7</b>	Draft Gypsy and Travellers Site Allocation Document Preferred Strategy	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That the draft Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations</li> </ul>

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		<p>Development Plan Document and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal documentation be published for an eight week period of consultation from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.</p> <p>(ii) That the Cabinet Member for Planning and Development be authorised to agree minor editorial changes.</p> <p>REASONS</p> <p>(i) To ensure that the statutory requirements in The Housing Act 2004 and Town and County Planning (Local Planning) England Regulations 2012 are met in terms of seeking to provide for Gypsy and Traveller pitches to meet the identified need and inviting public participation in the preparation of a new planning document for the District.</p> <p>(ii) To allow for minor editorial changes. Any significant changes to the draft document would need to be reported back to Cabinet for approval before publication for consultation.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Horsham Town Centre Vision Statement	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That the representations and responses received during the consultation be noted (Appendix C to the report) and the Horsham Town Centre Vision statement be approved, as amended (Appendix E to the report).</p> <p>(ii) That the Vision Delivery Schedule be endorsed (Appendix D to the report).</p> <p>(iii) That the Leader of the Council be authorised to approve, prior to publication:</p> <p>(a) minor editorial changes, including expanding the list of consultees; and</p>

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		<p align="center">(b) an introductory statement, summing up the Vision.</p> <p>REASONS</p> <p>(i) Amendments have been made in the light of responses received on the draft Horsham Town Centre Vision statement.</p> <p>(ii) To provide guidance on the future development of Horsham Town Centre and to implement a Delivery Schedule of projects to further develop the Vision in detail.</p> <p>(iii) There is a need to allow for minor editorial changes. Any significant changes to the document would need to be reported back to Cabinet for approval before publication.</p>
<b>A9</b>	Play Strategy 2017-2027	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Play Strategy 2017–2027 be approved and adopted, as submitted.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>Some of the council’s play infrastructure is aging and in need of replacement. Additionally, the Horsham District Planning Framework plans for the delivery of 16,000 new homes between 2011 and 2031 and, although pressure on public finance is unlikely to abate during this period, the framework brings opportunities to secure and deliver new play infrastructure. Given these factors, it is important that the Council has a clear vision of its play priorities and how these can be delivered.</p>
<b>A10</b>	Policy for Issuing Fixed Penalty Notices	RESOLVED

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		<p>That the new policy for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices be approved and adopted, subject to the amendment of the statement regarding data retention, as discussed.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To allow authorised Council staff to enforce legislation by means of a fixed penalty notice applying a standardised procedure.</p>
<b>A11</b>	Affordable Housing Investment	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That the Council’s approach to investing in affordable housing be supported, as set out the report.</p> <p>(ii) That it be noted that further work would be undertaken in developing and assessing options for the delivery of affordable housing as detailed in the report.</p> <p>REASONS</p> <p>(i) To assist the Council in achieving its target of delivering 240 affordable homes a year through the allocation of affordable housing commuted sum payments to maximise on site delivery.</p> <p>(ii) To assist the Council to achieve its objective to reduce the number of households having to be placed in bed and breakfast accommodation through the provision of additional temporary accommodation.</p>
<b>A12</b>	Discretionary Disabled Facilities Grants	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the scheme of discretionary Disabled Facilities Grant assistance detailed in the report be approved.</p>

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		<p align="center">REASONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To enable the Council to sustain a robust Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy.</li> <li>(ii) To use effectively the increase in funding the Better Care Fund is providing to local authorities for home adaptations.</li> </ul>
<b>A13</b>	Implementation of new provisions under the Housing and Planning Act 2016	<p align="center">RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That the use of the enforcement powers under the Housing and Planning Act 2016 be approved.</li> <li>(ii) That the use of civil penalties for housing offences in appropriate circumstances be approved.</li> <li>(iii) That the charging scheme for civil penalties be approved as reported.</li> <li>(iv) That the updated Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy, to include the use of civil penalties and rent repayment orders, be approved as submitted.</li> <li>(v) That the Head of Environmental Health and Licensing, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, be authorised to issue civil penalties and to agree the sum of civil penalties on a case by case basis in line with the approved Enforcement Policy and approved Charging Scheme.</li> </ul> <p align="center">REASON</p> <p>To ensure that the new powers are used to tackle the problem of rogue landlords.</p>

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<b>A14</b>	Sussex and Surrey Joint Fuel Procurement e-auction - contract for the supply of fuel for the Council's vehicle fleet	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the bid submitted by Company A be accepted and they be awarded the contract as the preferred supplier of diesel for the next two years.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>The e-auction offers a preferential overall cost per litre for fuel based on given volumes within a partnership using our current supplier with fixed margins applied to supply diesel from current supplier Company A.</p>
<b>A15</b>	Acquisition of Investment Property in Billingshurst (Report exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the proposed purchase be approved and the Director of Planning, Economic Development and Property be authorised to complete the purchase subject to satisfactory due diligence.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To enable the Council to expand its commercial Investment Portfolio in order to continue to build a revenue stream to support the Council's general activities and to acquire a property which has development potential to extend a local car park.</p>