

**Horsham District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 24 January 2019**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<p><b>A5</b></p>	<p>Funding for Business Improvement District for Horsham Town Centre</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the £70,500 funding required to progress the Business Improvement District to the ballot stage be agreed, to be included as a revenue growth bid in the current budget process.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To ensure that resources are put in place to progress a Business Improvement District for Horsham Town Centre.</p>
<p><b>A6</b></p>	<p>Council Lottery</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That the establishment of a Council lottery for a one year trial be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That a progress report be submitted after year one to agree the continuation or cessation of the lottery.</p> <p>(iii) That the procurement of an external lottery management company to provide the expertise to establish a lottery and be responsible for the day-to-day running of this service be approved.</p> <p>(iv) That the Director of Community Services be authorised to approve the award of the management contract.</p> <p>REASONS</p> <p>(i) To raise funding for local voluntary and community groups.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) To allow the Council to determine if the lottery is raising sufficient funding for local good causes.</li> <li>(iii) To provide expertise to the council and advice and support to local good causes that join the scheme.</li> <li>(iv) For expediency.</li> </ul>
<b>A7</b>	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <p>That the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Maintains the existing protected groups.</li> <li>(ii) Maintains the existing £10,000 capital limit and band D restriction.</li> <li>(iii) Maintains the existing practice of charging at least 10% of the Council Tax bill to all unprotected groups.</li> </ul> <p>REASON</p> <p>Council Tax Reduction schemes are annual schemes and therefore require an annual review and approval, even when no changes to the scheme are being proposed.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Budget 2019/20 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2022/23	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) That the level of Council Tax for 2019/20 be increased from £145.60 by £3.93 (2.7%) to £149.53 at Band D.</li> </ul>

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		<p>(ii) That the net revenue budget for 2019/20 of £10.435m be approved (Appendix A to the report).</p> <p>(iii) That Special Expenses of £299,140 (Appendix D to the report) and a Band D charge of £25.46 be agreed in respect of the unparished area for 2019/20.</p> <p>(iv) That the capital programme for 2019/20 (Appendix E to the report) be approved, subject to the overall budget for Highwood Community Centre being increased from £1,500,000 to £2,000,000, and that the indicative capital budgets in the programme for future years be noted.</p> <p>(v) That the projected future balanced budgets on the revenue account in 2021/22 and 2022/23 be noted and the Medium Term Financial Strategy continues to be reviewed and refined to ensure that decisions are taken to deliver these balanced budgets in these two years.</p> <p>(vi) That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix F to the report be approved.</p> <p>(vii) That the Capital Strategy and prudential indicators and limits for 2018/19 to 2021/22 set out in Appendix G to the report be approved.</p> <p>(viii) That the statement on the robustness of the level reserves in Appendix I to the report be noted.</p> <p>REASON</p>

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		To meet the Council's statutory requirement to approve the budget and the prudential indicators before the start of a new financial year.