

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

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A5</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>A6</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"> (ii) To allow the Council to determine if the lottery is raising sufficient funding for local good causes. (iii) To provide expertise to the council and advice and support to local good causes that join the scheme. (iv) For expediency.
A7	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <p>That the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Maintains the existing protected groups. (ii) Maintains the existing £10,000 capital limit and band D restriction. (iii) Maintains the existing practice of charging at least 10% of the Council Tax bill to all unprotected groups. <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>
A8	Budget 2019/20 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2022/23	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="936 451 2069 515">(ii) That the net revenue budget for 2019/20 of £10.435m be approved (Appendix A to the report). <li data-bbox="936 555 2029 619">(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. <li data-bbox="936 659 2069 786">(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. <li data-bbox="936 826 2069 954">(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. <li data-bbox="936 994 2069 1058">(vi) That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement set out in Appendix F to the report be approved. <li data-bbox="936 1098 2007 1161">(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. <li data-bbox="936 1201 2047 1265">(viii) That the statement on the robustness of the level reserves in Appendix I to the report be noted. <p data-bbox="936 1329 1061 1361">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.