

Horsham District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 21 March 2019

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A5</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Investment - Proposal to set up Development and Management Companies to provide affordable rented housing in Horsham District</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Business Case be approved and the set-up of the Property Development and Property Holding companies agreed, as proposed in the Business Case to enable the delivery of affordable rented homes in the Horsham District. (ii) That the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Wellbeing, be authorised to draft and agree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Articles of Association of the Companies, the Shareholders' Agreement between the Council and the Companies and any other necessary agreements required between the Council and the Companies. b. The appointment of the initial Company Directors of both companies. c. All further legal documentation necessary for the set-up of both companies. (iii) That the Property Development and Property Holding companies may undertake commercial activities to develop affordable housing for rent and to manage the same, subject to approved site specific business cases. (iv) That it be noted that decisions will need to be made on the following issues by Council later in 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The approval to dispose of Council owned land to the Development Company b. Allocation of S106 funds to the Property Holding Company to acquire the completed affordable housing units <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) That approval be given for £500,000 equity funding to be provided to the Property
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		<p align="center">Development Company.</p> <p>REASONS</p> <p>(i) To increase the delivery of affordable housing. (ii) To make the best use of Section 106 Commuted Sums. (iii) To provide a financial return to the Council for reinvestment in the District.</p>
A6	Allocation of Section 106 Commuted Sum funding for Saxon Weald	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the expenditure of £1,658,000 (subject to planning permission), funded from Section 106 receipts secured for new affordable housing, be approved to enable the development of 84 new affordable rented homes by Saxon Weald at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blenheim Road, Horsham • Pathfield Close, Rudgwick • Bennetts Road, Horsham • Page Court, Horsham <p>REASONS</p> <p>(i) To assist the Council in achieving its target of delivering 240 affordable homes a year.</p> <p>(ii) To assist Saxon Weald to deliver much needed affordable accommodation for persons in housing need on the Council's housing register.</p>
A7	High Weald Management Plan	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019 –</p>

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		<p>2024 be adopted by the Council as the Management Plan for the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty within Horsham District.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>Local authorities with land in an AONB are legally obliged under the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000 to prepare and publish an AONB management plan.</p>
A8	Proposal to sell surplus council assets	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets be authorised to ratify and/ or further approve the heads of terms agreed for the disposal of each asset set out in the exempt appendix to the report, as revised, provided that the gross value of the receipt (before sale costs are deducted) is greater than the minimum target figure set out in that appendix.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To simplify the disposal process and to ensure that the proposed disposals can be progressed in a timely manner.</p>