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Part A – Items considered in public

	<p>Update on the Council's financial position in 2022/23 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy update 2023/24 to 2026/27</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To note the changes in the Council's financial position in 2022/23 and the medium term.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <p>(ii) To approve the updated list of fees and charges in paragraph 3.22.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>(i) The Council needs to acknowledge the effects that high levels of inflation will have on its financial position both in the short and medium-term. This has moved the council from what has been a long-term healthy financial position to one with predicted deficits unless action is taken on fees and charges. Given the level of uncertainty in the projections, the economy and proposed Government action, the report does not recommend direct action to reduce expenditure at this stage.</p> <p>(ii) To ensure these fees and charges are approved by full Council as per the constitution.</p>
	<p>Decommissioning of London Road car park</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To approve the decommissioning of the London Road Car Park and investigate alternative uses/options for the land.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To ensure best possible use is made of council assets whilst meeting the needs of the public.</p>

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	Support for Community Energy Horsham	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To support Community Energy Horsham installing photovoltaics on The Bridge to pilot this approach. (ii) To support the principle of working with Community Energy Horsham to install renewable/low carbon technology and demand management technology on other Council owned buildings. (iii) To delegate approval for individual buildings to be part of this scheme and to enter into the appropriate legal agreements to the Director of Communities and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs. <p>REASON</p> <p>The Bridge would be used to pilot the community energy model for installing PV, whilst supporting the principle of this approach, as well as delegated approval for the legal agreement, will allow further buildings to have renewable energy installed without the need to seek Cabinet approval for each building, therefore, speeding up the process.</p>
	Housing Register and Nominations	RESOLVED

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	Policy revisions	<p>To approve the proposed changes.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <p>That the revised Housing Register and Nominations Policy is adopted.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To ensure the Council fulfils its statutory responsibility of having a current Housing Register and Nominations Policy.</p>
	Business Case for Horsham District Homes for affordable homes in Dukes Square, Horsham	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To approve the business case for the construction of eight homes for affordable rental on MT garage in Dukes Square, Horsham by Horsham District Homes Ltd.</p> <p>(ii) To delegate authority to the S151 officer in consultation with the Cabinet member for Finance and Parking to approve the final business case, subject to the transfer value not being in excess of £1.6m.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>Approval of the recommendations will allow the Directors of the housing company to progress the planning application and obtain a contract sum.</p>
	Use of 'A' Boards and other Advertising Structures on the Highway	RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

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	<p>- Policy, Guidelines and Enforcement Procedure (The 'A' Boards Policy)</p>	<p>To approve the 'A' Boards and other Advertising Structures on the Highway - Policy, Guidelines and Enforcement Procedure.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>(i) To set out the policy and procedure for dealing with items placed upon the highway, (which includes the highway verge, footpaths, paved areas and pavements) and/or attached to highway property.</p> <p>(ii) To ensure public safety and the free passage for pedestrians along footpaths and the highway.</p>
	<p>CIL Governance for the unparished area of Horsham Town</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To agree to delegate the Governance arrangements for the prioritisation, allocation and spend of the unparished areas of Horsham Town CIL receipts to the Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and the Cabinet Member for Horsham Town.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>It is necessary to update the current CIL Governance arrangements to provide clarity, transparency and consistency in the collection, allocation and spending of CIL receipts within the three Neighbourhood Councils/unparished areas of Horsham Town.</p>
	<p>Consultation on the proposed designation of a new Conservation Area for the area characterised by</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To approve the proposed new conservation area boundary, and draft Conservation Area</p>

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	<p>Wells Cottages, in West Chiltington and proposed amendments to the Rusper Conservation Area</p>	<p>Appraisals and Management Plans for public consultation for both the new Conservation Area in West Chiltington and the existing Conservation Area in Rusper.</p> <p>(ii) To approve that the Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Development be given delegated authority to agree minor editorial changes prior to publication.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>(i) To formally designate a new conservation area for the Wells Cottages, West Chiltington.</p> <p>(ii) To enable Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans to be produced to help guide development in West Chiltington and Rusper.</p> <p>(iii) To provide conservation area guidance for residents, occupiers, developers and Members in determining applications.</p> <p>(iv) To give the Cabinet Member for Planning and Development delegated authority to approve minor changes to the document, without the need for it to be referred back to Cabinet.</p>
	<p>Facilitating Appropriate Development and Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Planning Guidance documents</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <p>(i) To formally endorse the Facilitating Appropriate Development (FAD) and agree to the publication of the document for use as a non-statutory Planning Guidance document.</p>

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		<p>(ii) To formally endorse the Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Planning Advice Note (PAN) and agree to the publication of the document for use as a non-statutory Planning Guidance document.</p> <p>(iii) To grant the Cabinet Member for Planning and Development delegated authority to agree any necessary minor editorial changes to the documents referenced in (i) and (ii) above.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To provide clear and consistent planning guidance to aid applicants, stakeholders and those involved in determining planning applications in advance of the adoption of the new Local Plan.</p>