

Horsham District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 23 March 2023

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| Part A – Items considered in public | | |
| A6 | Draft Climate Action Strategy for the Horsham District | <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To approve the draft Climate Action Strategy for the Horsham District for promotion, consultation, and targeted engagement.</p> <p>(ii) To note that a further report to Cabinet will be produced with amendments to the Strategy as a result of the consultation and engagement process.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>The draft Climate Action Strategy is an important part of the Council’s response to tackling climate change. The draft Strategy provides a first step in drawing together the actions required to reduce carbon emissions and prepare for a changing climate. Wider community input and targeted engagement is required before the final Strategy is approved. This will give the Strategy greater endorsement and buy-in from the wider community and key organisations.</p> |
| A7 | Locally Listed Buildings Adoption | <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To formally adopt the buildings marked as positive to conservation areas from the Conservation Area Appraisals of Storrington, Steyning, Pulborough, Henfield and Billingshurst as Locally Listed.</p> <p>(ii) To formally adopt the Steyning History Society local list alongside the buildings marked as positive to the conservation areas from the Steyning Conservation Area Appraisal.</p> <p>(iii) To formally adopt the local lists of buildings from the Neighbourhood Plans of Ashington, Nuthurst, Rusper and Southwater.</p> <p>REASON</p> |

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| | | <p>(i) To ensure that buildings of historical and architectural significance are protected for the future.</p> <p>(ii) To recognise buildings identified as being of importance by the local community.</p> |
| A10 | Local Authority Housing Fund 2022-23 and 2023-24 | <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To approve the acquisition by Horsham District Council of up to 16 properties using the funds earmarked for this initiative and to give effect to the same provided that any such acquisitions are undertaken in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities and the Cabinet Member for Finance & Assets.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <p>(ii) The variation of the Shareholders Agreement for Horsham District Homes (Holdings) Limited as follows:</p> <p>Clause 3. Insert the words “<i>and/or to lease residential property from the Council or other third parties both</i>” following the words “..”and other developers” and before the words “for onward rental through” so that the business of the company reads as follows,</p> <p>“The business of the Company (Business) shall be to purchase developed properties from Holdco and other developers <u><i>and/or to lease residential property from the Council or other third parties both</i></u> for onward rental through ASTs in accordance with any business plan then in force or as otherwise determined by the Council from time to time”.</p> <p>Reserved Matters clause 17. Insert the words ...”<i>For the avoidance of doubt (i) material assets shall be assets of a value in excess of £250,000, and, (ii) lease arrangements between the Company and the Council/other third parties to facilitate the provision of</i></p> |

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| | | <p><i>housing shall not constitute a reserved matter.”</i></p> <p>so that the reserved matter reads as follows, “Agreeing to enter into or entering into any acquisition or disposal of any material assets by the company. <u>For the avoidance of doubt, (i) material assets shall be assets of a value in excess of £250,000, and, (ii) lease arrangements between the Company and the Council/other third parties to facilitate the provision of housing shall not constitute a reserved matter.</u>”</p> <p>REASON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To ensure that suitable homes are acquired by Horsham District Council in an efficient and timely manner to give effect to this initiative. (ii) To avoid the requirement to seek Cabinet’s approval for the purchase by Horsham District Council of each individual property that would otherwise be required to give effect to this initiative. (iii) To ensure that Horsham District Homes (Holdings) Limited has the power to take a lease from Horsham District Council to be able to facilitate the provision of housing through Assured Shorthold Tenancies/Licences. |