

Horsham District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 8 June 2023

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Part A – Items considered in public

A6	Transformation Fund 2023-24	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To approve the transfer of £221,000 from the General Fund reserve to the earmarked transformation reserve.</p> <p>(ii) To delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, the authority to use the transformation fund as appropriate.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To top up of the earmarked transformation reserve for projects that will help transform the Council in the future; being effectively funded from the 2022/23 budget surplus.</p>
A7	Neighbourhood Plan update for Cowfold, Itchingfield, Lower Beeding and Pulborough parishes	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To Formally endorse the Neighbourhood Planning Advice Notes for Cowfold, Itchingfield, Lower Beeding and Pulborough Parishes and agree to the publication of the document for use as a non-statutory Planning Advice Note.</p> <p>(ii) To grant the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure delegated authority to agree any necessary minor editorial changes to the documents referenced in (i) above, in consultation and mutual agreement with relevant Ward Members.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To support Neighbourhood Planning groups affected by water neutrality, and to ensure compliance with the Duty to Support obligations placed upon Local Authorities to assist Neighbourhood Planning groups.</p>

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A8	Adoption of Rusper Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan	<p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To approve the designation of the revised Conservation Area boundary for Rusper, as shown on the Conservation Area designation map (1) included in this report; (ii) to approve and adopt the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for Rusper, as set out in Appendix 2 to be used in the determination of planning applications from 26 June 2022; and (iii) to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Planning & Infrastructure to approve minor editorial changes prior to final publication of the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan. <p>REASON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To formally designate the amended conservation area boundary. (ii) To provide updated conservation area guidance for residents, occupiers, developers and Members in determining applications and to designate the locally listed buildings. (iii) To give the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure delegated authority to approve minor changes to the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.
A9	Bishopric/Worthing Road and Carfax Public Realm Improvements - Appointment of Consultant and Contractor	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To approve the call-off from the SCAPE Framework agreement to facilitate the delivery of the public realm improvements; and (ii) To award the contracts to the relevant suppliers named in the SCAPE Framework, and,

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		<p>delegate authority to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Local Economy and Place, to approve the final terms including the contract sums.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To ensure that the procurement methodology is compliant and to deliver the projects within budget.</p>
A10	Environmental Health & Licensing and Economic Development Staffing	<p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <p>(i) To approve the £41,200 increase in the 2023/24 salaries budget to accommodate the creation two extra posts, one in Environmental Health team and a temporary post in Economic Development.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>(i) All local authorities are under a statutory duty to inspect housing and ensure that the powers used to tackle housing problems are effectively discharged. The increase in awareness of damp issues, new guidance on damp and in the increase in the number of applications houses in multiple occupation has led to a need for an extra employee permanently in the Environmental Health Private Sector Housing Team.</p> <p>(ii) In the Economic Development Service there is a need for a temporary role to carry out the extra work associated with the Shared Prosperity Fund and get the service prepared for the likely full or phased retirement of its three officers.</p>