

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

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>6</p>	<p>Update of the Council's Financial Position in 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy update 2024/25 to 2029/30</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To note the changes detailed in this report in the Council's financial position in 2023/24 and medium-term financial strategy.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <p>(ii) That the charges from 1 April 2024 for the garden waste subscription service are increased from £49 for the first bin to £54 and charge this price for any subsequent bins too.</p> <p>(iii) To increase the price of the multi-storey car park day pass tariffs from 1 February 2024 from £5.50 to £8.80 at Piries Place and £7.30 at Swan Walk, and from £3.95 to £5.60 at the Forum car parks.</p> <p>iv) Subject to Council approval, support those of working age on Council Tax Support with up to £195 in 2024/25, funded from any 2024/25 Funding Guarantee grant, or reserve and ask Council to approve that this is reflected in the 2024/2025 budget accordingly.</p> <p>(v) Subject to the scheme status quo remaining and a similar settlement to 2023/24,</p> <p>(i) approve that the Council remains in the West Sussex Business Rates pool in 2024/25 and</p> <p>(ii) to delegate authority to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to (a) agree the operational details of the pooling arrangements with participating authorities, and, (b) enter into any required documentation to give effect to this proposal.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>(i) The Council needs to acknowledge the effects that high levels of inflation will have on its</p>
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		<p>financial position both in the short and medium-term. Deficits are predicted 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 drastically reduce expenditure at this stage, but does recommend not worsening the revenue position now.</p> <p>(ii) and (iii) Council is required to approve fees and charges, and expenditure as per the constitution.</p> <p>(iv) Cabinet must approve any such support schemes.</p> <p>(v) Remaining in the West Sussex business Rates pool should benefit the County and therefore the district by retaining locally generated business rates, using it to further support the economic regeneration of the wider West Sussex area.</p>
7	Hills Cemetery Lodge Refurbishment and Decarbonisation Project	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To award the contract for the building works to the highest scoring bidder on the terms contained in Appendix A Page 31 Agenda Item 7</p> <p>(ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to finalise the terms of and enter into the building contract.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>(i) To comply with the Council’s constitutional requirements for approvals.</p> <p>(ii) To enable building works to be carried out to Hills Cemetery Lodge.</p>
8	Creation of a new Head of Service	RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

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	Post	<p>That funding of £2,680 be included in the 2023/24 Revenue Budget for the new position of Head of Sustainability and Green Spaces.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>(i) To ensure that the management of the organisation is best structured to achieve the Council's objectives.</p> <p>(ii) Full council is required to approve expenditure outside of the budget.</p>
9	Shelley Memorial Partnership	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To agree the formation of a partnership between Horsham District Council (HDC) and The Shelley Memorial Project Community Interest Company (SMP).</p> <p>(ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Communities, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to finalise the terms of and enter into any required documentation to give effect to the partnership and the subsequent transfer of the memorial to HDC.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>To enable HDC to support the SMP, enabling the group's vision of a lasting memorial to the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley to be realised. To provide a location within Horsham Park for the resulting sculpture and to take on ownership of the artwork once it is installed.</p>
10	Queen Street Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) To approve the works described in the report.</p>

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		<p>(ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to agree contractual terms and award the contract to the winning contractor.</p> <p>REASON</p> <p>(i) To improve infrastructure to stop vehicles from driving on the pedestrian area in around the parade of shops</p> <p>(ii) To install sustainable green landscaping by changing out large planter boxes with planted trees.</p>
11	Swan Walk Car Park Works - contract award and budget allocation	<p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <p>(i) That a further capital budget amount of £298,845 is approved to enable the contract to be awarded to the winning bidder.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Subject to Council’s approval of (i) above:</p> <p>(i) To approve the award of the contract to the winning bidder (in relation to the Swan Walk car park top deck works), subject to Council approving the allocation of funds for this award.</p> <p>(ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to finalise the terms and conditions of and enter into the Contract on the terms contained in Appendix 1 (“the Contract”)</p>

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		<p>REASON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) To enable the award of the contract to the winning bidder which will facilitate the completion of the Works.(ii) It is expected that the total value of the project will be £648,845 and therefore, Council approval is required to award this contract.