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Part A – Items considered in public

A5	Medium Term Financial Strategy	<p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</p> <p>(i) That the projected budget gap be noted as detailed in the report.</p> <p>(ii) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 be approved.</p>
A6	Waste and Recycling Collection Review	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That alternate weekly collections for residual household waste be introduced from Spring 2018 and the estimated financial savings associated with this of approximately £730k per annum compared to the projected budget for 2018/19 be noted.</p> <p>(ii) That a rear-loading vehicle fleet be procured to deliver the revised service and the estimated financial saving of approximately £270k per annum compared to the projected budget for 2018/19 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) That the changes to the council's waste policies required to implement the new service as detailed in the report be approved.</p> <p>(iv) That the draft implementation timetable be agreed.</p> <p>(v) That the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Cleansing, be authorised to make necessary arrangements as required.</p> <p>REASONS</p> <p>(i) Legislation requires a reduction in the amount of waste currently going to landfill and an increase in recycling, 50% by 2020. The introduction of AWCs would following</p>

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		<p>assessment from Ricardo encourage additional levels of recycling estimated at 4%; although other councils have observed up to a 9% increase in recycling rates and up to a 16% decrease in residual waste produced. Councils are required to deliver “good quality local services as efficiently as possible within their financial constraints”. The council must therefore set that requirement against action to mitigate a forecast funding gap of £4.2m in its medium term financial strategy (MTFS).</p> <p>(ii) The current ageing waste collection vehicles require replacement.</p> <p>(iii) Dispensations will ensure the implementation recognises households which will find AWC more challenging due to receptacle capacity.</p> <p>(iv) Agreement to the approach and key milestones to implement both a revised collections methodology and procure a new fleet of refuse vehicles.</p>
A7	Rural Car Parking	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That an annual rural parking disc/permit scheme be introduced at £12 for the first car, £6 for subsequent cars registered at the same address (max four discs/permits per address). An additional £2.50 charge will be applied for non-website and non-direct debit transactions). Disc/permits will take effect from Monday 3rd April 2017. These will be applicable in all Council rural car parks as outlined in the report (with the exclusion of the car parks in Bramber, Upper Beeding and Cowfold) between 9am- 6pm Monday-Saturday (unless otherwise stated) and will exclude Sundays and Bank Holidays.</p> <p>(ii) That the leasing of smaller rural car parks at a peppercorn rent or offer of purchase where appropriate to relevant Parishes where their function supports local community hall and open space activities be agreed.</p> <p>(iii) That the cost for long-term season tickets be standardised at £130 pa and that they be</p>

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		<p>introduced in areas where facilities do not currently exist. This will apply from Monday 3rd April 2017. These will be applicable for use in specific car parks only (as indicated on the season ticket) and will be valid (unless otherwise stated) between 9am-6pm Monday-Saturdays (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays).</p> <p>(iv) That the introduction of Pay & Display facilities from 3rd April 2017 in a number of specific car parks be agreed and that the hourly charge for users be set at 75p up to 1 hour and £1.50 for up to 2-3 hours or a reasonable maximum time to be agreed with local Parish Councils where appropriate. This charge will be applicable in specific rural car parks, as set out in the report, which have Pay & Display facilities between 9am-6pm Monday-Saturdays (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays).</p> <p>(v) That the capital project costs be funded from existing capital budgets that will not be spent in 2016/17. A virement of £77,000 from existing corporate capital budgets that will not be spent this year will be made to a new capital rural car parking project code to pay for the 11 car parking machines and phone line installation. This will enable the scheme to have the infrastructure in place to go live on 3 April 2017.</p> <p>(vi) That the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Local Economy, be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the implementation of the recommendations contained within this report and undertake a review of the scheme 12 months after implementation.</p> <p>REASONS</p> <p>(i) Annual permits are proposed at a small charge to provide convenience to regular users.</p> <p>(ii) A number of village halls have our car parks immediately located next to them. In some cases it is proposed that the car parks are transferred with conditions, free of charge or</p>

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		<p>leased at a peppercorn to each of the relevant Parish Councils.</p> <p>(iii) The availability of long term car parking is recognised as a key requirement in rural communities that act as shopping hubs.</p> <p>(iv) It is recognised that not all users of rural car parks will want to purchase an annual permit or that they may be a visitor to the area.</p> <p>(v) To agree how implementing the scheme will be funded.</p> <p>(vi) To ensure the scheme can be implemented within agreed timescales and review is undertaken of the new arrangements in 12 months.</p>
A11	Green Waste Charge	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That the increase in Green Waste collection charges to take effect from 1st April 2017 be agreed as follows: The first bin collection at £39.50 per annum (if paid via the contact centre or post) or discounted to £37 per annum (if paid by on-line payment/Direct Debit).</p> <p>(ii) That the fee for additional green waste wheelie bin collections be increased from £20 to £25 per additional bin.</p> <p>(iii) That the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Cleansing, be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the Green Waste Terms and Conditions.</p> <p>(iv) That it be noted that the proposed changes will result in approximately £106,500 additional revenue for the 2017/18 financial year.</p> <p>REASONS</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="840 451 2067 515">(i) In line with the existing Green Waste Terms of Reference, the service and additional green waste bins collected from properties are subject to an annual price review. <li data-bbox="840 555 2067 651">(ii) The current Terms and Conditions of the service will need to be amended to reflect the new charges and inclusion of any minimal service charges related to payment by credit card. <li data-bbox="840 691 2067 754">(iii) Due to the improved revenue position from the scheme to amend the 2017/18 budget for the service accordingly.