

COUNCIL
24 March 2022
CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations to Council made at the Cabinet meeting held on 24 March 2022

(a) Highwood Community Centre Development proposal

The report to Cabinet outlined the business case for the construction of a new community centre and nursery in Highwood, West Horsham. Extensive work had been undertaken in preparing the proposal, including a review of existing facilities within Denne and the surrounding areas and consultation with local residents. There had also been a review of daytime users, including nurseries, with the intention of adding daytime vibrancy and creating a commercial investment.

The proposal is not recommended on financial grounds because it has a revenue cost to the Council, as detailed in the report; the recommendation to approve the scheme is on social grounds as a community centre will be important to this large new community of over 1000 homes, as it grows and develops over time.

RESOLVED

- i) To approve the building of a community facility and nursery at Highwood.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- ii) To approve a capital budget of £2.75m for this purpose, allocated £2.5m in 2022/23 and £250,000 in 2023/4.

REASON

- i) To provide community facilities in accordance with the Land West of Horsham Masterplan 2008.

(b) Developer Transport Modelling: update to Fees Schedule

In March 2019 the Council had commissioned a Strategic Transport Model to support ongoing work on the Local Plan. The proposals set out in the report give an opportunity to recoup some of the cost of this work by making the Transport Model available to developers for a fee. Where engaged, it will provide prospective developers with a baseline technical model only and shall not infer any pre-determination or advantage over others.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- i) That the proposed new Schedule of Fees with supporting Protocol for third party access to the Horsham Transport Model as set out in [Appendix A of the report](#) be approved.

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REASON

- i) To ensure that the Council is appropriately reimbursed for expenses incurred in the development of the Horsham Transport Study Model by those seeking commercial use of the model and supporting data, to promote development.