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EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE – 26TH NOVEMBER 2020
DECISION LIST

ITEM NO.	Ref.	Item	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
6.	-	External Audit – Audit Results Report	To consider the Audit Results Report	It was resolved: That the Audit Results Report be received.	Finance Manager
7.		Statement of Accounts 2019/20	To approve the Statement of Accounts for 2019/20.	It was resolved: That the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved subject to the Section 151 Officer, in conjunction with Ernst & Young (EY) and the Chairman of Committee, being authorised to make any final changes, as required, prior to final sign-off by EY on/or around the 30 th November 2020.	Finance Manager
8.		External Audit – Financial Reporting Council (FRC) Report on Inspection Results of Major Local Audit	To receive the EY summary of the FRC report on the Inspection Results of Major Local Audit.	It was resolved: That the External Audit summary be noted.	External Audit
9.		External Audit – Initial View on Redmond Review	To receive the EY initial view on Redmond Review.	It was resolved: That the External Audit summary be noted.	External Audit

10.		PSAA Audit Fees – Consultation Response	To consider a PSAA consultation paper on the proposed new system for fee variations for local authorities for their external audit service.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Finance Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to reply to the consultation as detailed in the submitted report.</p>	Finance Manager
11.		Internal Audit Progress Report	To advise Members of the work of Internal Audit completed during the period September to October 2020 and the progress against the Internal Audit Plan.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the progress made by Internal Audit in the delivery of the Audit Plan and the key findings be noted.</p>	Finance Manager
12.		Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme & Discretionary Business Rate Reliefs Policy Review 2021/22	To consider the Local Council Tax Reduction Support (LCTRS) Scheme and Discretionary Business Rate Reliefs reviews.	<p>It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>(i) That the LCTRS 8.5% benefit scheme, i.e. the maximum benefit to working age claimants is 91.5%, be retained for 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>(ii) That the Council’s policies with regard to Discretionary Business Rate Reliefs remain unchanged for 2021/22.</p>	Finance Manager

13.		Nomination of Trustee to East Cambs CLT	To consider the nomination of a Trustee to East Cambs Community Land Trust (CLT).	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i That Councillor Anna Bailey be nominated as a Trustee to East Cambs Community Land Trust (CLT). ii That East Cambs CLT be included on the list of Outside Bodies. iii That a report providing information on East Cambs CLT be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee. 	Director Commercial
14.		Palace Green Homes (ECTC) – Office Accommodation Review (Interim Report)	To consider the interim report on the future office accommodation requirements of Palace Green Homes (ECTC).	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the interim conclusions of the review of the future office accommodation requirements of Palace Green Homes (ECTC), as detailed in paragraphs 4.2 - 4.5 of the submitted report, be noted and a final report provided to this Committee by 31 May 2021.</p>	Director Commercial
15.		Treasury Operations Mid-Year Review	To consider an update of the Council's 2020/21 Treasury Management Strategy Statement	<p>It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>That the mid-year review of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be noted.</p>	Finance Manager

16.		East Cambridgeshire Bus Services Review	<p>To:</p> <p>(i) approve the Bus Services for East Cambs document for submission to CPCA;</p> <p>(ii) amend the Terms of Reference of the Working Party;</p> <p>(iii) note the Notes of the WP meetings held on 8 October and 12 November 2020.</p>	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>i) That the Notes of the meetings of the East Cambs Bus Services Review Working Party held on 8th October 2022 and 12th November 2020, attached as Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be noted.</p> <p>ii) That approval be given to the draft New Bus Services for East Cambridgeshire, attached as Appendix 2 to the submitted report, for submission to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) (with any minor editorial or presentation improvements delegated to officers, in consultation with the Chairman of Finance & Assets Committee, prior to submission).</p> <p>iii) That the amendment to the Terms of Reference for the East Cambs Bus Services Review Working Party, attached as Appendix 3 to the submitted report be approved.</p>	Infrastructure & Strategy Manager
17.		CIL Allocation	To consider the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for the expansion of St Mary's Medical Practice, Ely.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That approval be given to the allocation of £750,000 for the expansion of St Mary's Medical Practice, Ely, as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the submitted report.</p>	Director Commercial
18.		Gender Pay Reporting	To receive measurable data on Gender Pay for the Council.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the content of the submitted report be noted.</p>	HR Manager

19.		Finance Report	To consider budget monitoring information for services under the Finance & Assets Committee remit and for the Council as a whole.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>(i) That the Committee's projected year end underspend of £102,000 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £5,021,167 be noted.</p> <p>(ii) That the Council's projected year end underspend of £281,500 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £13,644,206 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) That the expected underspend for this Committee of £100,000 compared to its approved Capital Budget of £8,048,680, be noted.</p> <p>(iv) That the overall position for the Council on Capital of a projected outturn of £9,033,166, which is an underspend of £2,755,950 when compared to its revised budget of £11,789,116, be noted.</p>	Finance Manager
20.		Assets Update	To receive an update on Council owned assets.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the update on Council owned assets be noted.</p>	Director Commercial/Open Spaces & Facilities Manager
21.		Covid-19 Working Party	To receive the Notes of the meeting of the Covid-19 WP held on 30 September 2020.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Notes of the meeting of the Covid-19 Working Party held on 30 September 2020 be noted.</p>	Director Operations
22.	-	Anglia Revenues Partnership Joint Committee Minutes	To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 15 th September 2020.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 15th September 2020 be noted.</p>	Director Commercial

23.	-	Forward Agenda Plan	To receive the Committee's Forward Agenda Plan.	It was resolved: That the Forward Agenda Plan be noted.	-
		EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC		It was resolved: That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining items because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1 & 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	
24.		ECTC Management Accounts	To receive a summary view of the management accounts for the period to October 2020.	It was resolved: That the contents of the report be noted.	ECTC Finance Manager
25.		Asset Management Matter, Ely	To consider an asset management matter in Ely.	It was resolved: That the recommendations in the submitted report be approved.	Director Commercial

Please Note: These decisions will come into effect on Thursday 10th December 2020 unless any 3 Members object and call-in the decision. The call-in must be in writing to the Chief Executive and be received by Thursday 3 December 2020. Recommendations of the Policy Committees to other bodies (or to Council) cannot be called-in, nor can any decisions categorised as urgent in accordance with the call-in procedure.