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**FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE: 28 MARCH 2024 – DECISION LIST**

ITEM NO.	Ref.	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
6.	Y174	ECTC Business Plan 2024/25	To consider the ECTC Business Plan 2024/25.	It was resolved:  That the ECTC Business Plan 2024/25, as set out in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report, be approved.	Director Commercial
7.	Y175	End of Year Reports 2023/24 and Service Delivery Plans 2024/25	To consider the End of Year Reports 2023/24 and Service Delivery Plans 2024/25 within the purview of the Finance & Assets Committee.	It was resolved:  That the outcomes in the End of Year Reports 2023/24 (as set out in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report) be noted, and the Service Delivery Plans 2024/25 (as set out in Appendix 2 of the Officer's report) be approved for each of the following services:  i) Democratic Services ii) Economic Development iii) Finance iv) Human Resources v) Infrastructure & Strategic Housing vi) Information & Communication Technology vii) Legal Services viii) Open Spaces & Facilities ix) Reprographics x) Strategic Planning	Director Community/ Service Leads

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8.	Y176	Local Climate Change and Nature Recovery Chapter: Update Progress Plan and on	To consider the latest Government announcements on plan making and climate change, and consequently determine how to progress preparation of a Climate Change and Nature Recovery Chapter of a future Local Plan.	<p>It was resolved unanimously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To agree to delay consultation on a draft Climate Change and Nature Recovery Chapter of a future Local Plan until greater clarity emerges on Government expectations for climate policies intended to be included in such a chapter.</li> <li>ii) To reaffirm the intention to progress drafting of such a chapter in line with that agreed at the November 2023 Committee meeting, subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the outcome of any clarity arising from Recommendation i); and</li> <li>(b) the addition of water as a substantive additional theme for inclusion in the chapter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Strategic Planning Manager
9.	Y177	Hedgehog Recovery Design Guidance – draft for consultation	To approve for public consultation a draft planning policy document relating to hedgehogs, with the aim to assist the recovery of hedgehog numbers as part of new development.	<p>It was resolved unanimously:</p> <p>That the draft Hedgehog Recovery Supplementary Planning Document, attached at Appendix 1 to the officer's report, be approved for public consultation, with such consultation taking place for a minimum of four weeks post May 2024 Police and Crime Commissioner election.</p>	Strategic Planning Manager
10.	Y178	Asset Update and Asset Management Plan 2024/25	To consider the updated asset spend tracker for 2023/24 and approve the asset planned spend for 2024/25.	<p>It was resolved unanimously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) That the Corporate Asset Management Plan attached at Appendix 1 of the Officer's report, be noted.</li> <li>ii) That the Asset Management spend for 2024/25, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the Officer's report, be approved.</li> </ul>	Open Spaces & Facilities Manager

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				iii) That the Asset Management spend to date 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the Officer's report, be noted.	
11.	Y179	Whistleblowing Policy	To consider a review of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy.	<p>It was resolved unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Whistleblowing Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report, be approved subject to the Director Legal &amp; Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, being authorised to make minor textual amendments in the interests of clarity.</li> <li>2. That the Director Legal &amp; Monitoring Officer and Internal Audit be requested to undertake an investigation into the possible facilitation of an assessment of the Policy by the independent charity Protect and a report on the outcome be submitted to the June meeting of the Committee.</li> </ol>	Director Legal & Monitoring Officer
12.	Y180	Annual Review of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 ("RIPA") & Guidance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources ("CHIS") Policies	To consider an annual report regarding a review of the Council's RIPA Policies.	<p>It was resolved unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) That the amendments to the RIPA and CHIS Policies, as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 of the Officer's report, be approved.</li> <li>ii) That the update on the use of RIPA powers, detailed in paragraph 3.5 of the Officer's report, and the progress regarding training requirements and ongoing compliance be noted.</li> </ol>	Director Legal & Monitoring Officer
13.	Y181	Community Land Trust Pre-Development	To consider an application for a grant through the Community Land Trust (CLT) Pre-	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That a grant to Kennett Community Land Trust of £35,154.85, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.4 of the Officer's report, be approved.</p>	Community-Led Development Advisor

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		Grant Application	Development Grant Scheme.		
14.	-	Bus, Cycle, Walk Working Party Notes	To receive the Notes of the Bus, Cycle, Walk Working Party meeting held on 26 February 2024.	It was resolved unanimously:  That the Notes of the Bus, Cycle, Walk Working Party meeting held on 26 February 2024 be noted.	Democratic Services Officer
15.	-	Forward Agenda Plan	To receive the Committee's Forward Agenda Plan.	It was resolved:  That the Forward Agenda Plan be noted and the following items added for the dates detailed:  Environment Plan – June meeting Whistleblowing Policy: Protect Assessment - June meeting Hedgehog Recovery SPD: Final Version of the SPD for adoption – September 2024	Democratic Services Officer
		<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS &amp; PUBLIC</b>		<b>It was resolved unanimously:</b>  <b>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 items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</b>	
16.	-	ECTC Business Plan 2024/25 – Exempt Appendix		It was resolved:  That the contents of the Exempt Appendix be noted.	-

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17.	-	ECTC Management Accounts – nine months to December 2023	To receive a summary view of the management accounts for the nine months to December 2023.	It was resolved: That the contents of the report be noted.	-
18.	-	Outstanding CIL Payment	To consider the action to be taken in relation to an outstanding CIL Payment.	It was resolved: That the approval be given to the proposed actions in the submitted report.	Director Community/ Director Legal & Monitoring Officer
19.	-	Write off of Unrecoverable Debt	To consider a report regarding unrecoverable debts.	It was resolved:  i) That the recommendation in paragraph 2.1 of the Officer's report relating to 1 Council Tax write-off and 3 Housing Benefit overpayment write-offs be approved.  ii) That the 4 Council Tax write-offs and 3 Housing Benefit overpayment write-offs under delegated powers detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the Officer's report be noted.	Director Finance
20.	-	ECTC Board Meeting Minutes	To receive the Minutes of the ECTC Board Meetings held on 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024.	It was resolved: That the Minutes of the meetings held on 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 be noted.	Director Commercial
21.	-	Exempt Minutes	To receive the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Assets Committee held on 25 January 2024.	It was resolved: That the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	Senior Democratic Services Officer

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