

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Cabinet

Tuesday, 14 November 2023

### DECISION SHEET

**PRESENT:** Councillors L Davenport-Ray, S W Ferguson, B A Mickelburgh, B M Pitt, T D Sanderson and S L Taylor.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors S J Conboy, M A Hassall and S Wakeford.

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<p><b>REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY</b></p> <p>The Cabinet having reviewed the Risk Strategy <b>agreed to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Recommend that the Risk Strategy go forward for approval by Full Council.</li></ol>	K Sutton
2	<p><b>FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (QUARTER 2)</b></p> <p>The Cabinet considered the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. revenue financial performance to the end of September 2023, as detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in paragraph 3.2 of the report; and</li><li>b. capital financial performance at the end of September 2023, as detailed in Appendix 2 and summarised in paragraph 3.3 of the report.</li></ol>	K Sutton
3	<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE REVIEW</b></p>	

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	<p>The Cabinet received and noted the treasury management performance for the first six months of 2023/24 and to recommend the report to Council for consideration.</p>	K Sutton
4	<p><b>PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK</b></p> <p>The Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Approved</b> the revised Performance Management Framework; and</li> <li>2. <b>Authorised</b> the Chief Executive to set out a timetable for corporate or finance peer challenges and make arrangements for these to take place.</li> </ol>	D Buckridge
5	<p><b>CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023/24, QUARTER 2</b></p> <p>The Cabinet:</p> <p><b>Received</b> and <b>noted</b> the report that outlined the progress and performance during Quarter 2, as summarised in the Corporate Performance Report and detailed in Appendices A, B and C of the report.</p>	D Buckridge
6	<p><b>COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2024/25</b></p> <p>The Cabinet <b>agreed</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To recommend that Council approve the introduction of a new income-banded CTS scheme for working age applications with effect from 1st April 2024. As the increase in the level of support for eligible residents directly supports the aims specified within the Corporate Plan, to keep people out of crisis and to help those in crisis;</li> <li>2. To the simplification of the scheme to make it more accessible for residents, reducing the administrative burden and</li> </ol>	K Kelly

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	<p>improving delivery times directly supports the aim specified within the Corporate Plan to deliver good quality, value-for-money services with good control and compliance with statutory obligations.</p> <p>3. To the reduction in caseload and therefore reduction of the impact of CTS on the taxbase provides an opportunity to consider increasing support to those most in need.</p>	
7	<p><b>TRANSFER OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES POLICY</b></p> <p>Cabinet <b>agreed</b> to adopt the:</p> <p>A. Transfer of Public Open Spaces Policy as set out in <b>Appendix A</b> of the report the key elements of this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Not to ordinarily seek or pursue the transfer of public open spaces that the Council is responsible for, to ensure the appropriate use of Council resources and that Council remains custodian of public open spaces to be maintained for the benefit of communities and the natural environment, with due regard to the powers under which the land is held; and</li> <li>(ii) Only pursue any lease or public open space transfer proposal if the costs of doing so are fully met through the requestor as set out in a business case.</li> </ul> <p>B. Public Open Space Transfer Process as set out in Appendix B in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) enable swift determination of any proposals; and ensure</li> </ul>	N Sloper

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	<p>any proposal is screened consistently against the Transfer of Public Open Spaces Policy</p> <p>(iv) ensure it has merit before investing resources in the detailed work required to achieve a transfer.</p>	