

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CABINET

THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY 2016

### DECISION SHEET

**PRESENT:** J D Ablewhite, R B Howe, R C Carter, S Cawley, D B Dew, R Harrison, J A Gray and D M Tysoe

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
1	<b>HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK JOINT GROUP</b>  that Councillors R C Carter, T F Hayward, T D Sanderson and R J West be appointed to serve on the Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Group for the remainder of the Municipal Year.	M Sage 388169
2	<b>DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY ADVISORY GROUP</b>  that Councillors Mrs B E Boddington, P L E Bucknell, E R Butler, Mrs S J Conboy, D B Dew, Mrs L A Duffy and J M Palmer be appointed to serve on the Development Plan Policy Advisory Group for the remainder of the Municipal Year.	M Sage 388169
3	<b>SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP</b>  that Councillors Mrs B Boddington, J W Davies, A Hansard, B Hyland and Mrs P A Jordan be appointed to serve on the Safety Advisory Group for the remainder of the Municipal Year.	M Sage 388169
4	<b>OXMOOR ACTION PLAN FOR OPEN SPACE - TREATMENT OF SECTION 106 MONIES</b>  Approve in principle the proposed way forward as detailed in Section 3 of the submitted report, to enable final negotiations with Huntingdon Town Council to reach a settlement to conclude this matter, and that negotiation with Huntingdon Town Council is delegated to the Managing Director in consultation with the Executive Councillors for Operations and Environment and Commercial Activities.	A Merrick 388635

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT	CONTACT OFFICER
5	<p><b>STREET CLEANSING - SERVICE SPECIFICATION</b></p> <p>Approve the Street Cleansing Service Specification and the publishing of core information regarding the service on the Council's website. The future service specification will be subject to review against the results of the NI 195 auditing of the service.</p>	A Merrick 388635
6	<p><b>OPEN SPACES WATER SAFETY POLICY</b></p> <p>Approve the Open Spaces Water Safety Policy including the proposed programme of site specific risk assessments to confirm the safety measures to be implemented on a site by site basis.</p>	A Merrick 388635
7	<p><b>VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANT FUNDING 2016/17 TO 2019/2020</b></p> <p>i. That funding is ceased to the Huntingdon Shop Mobility scheme with no further grant award for 2016/17, on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) it has not met the performance conditions within the existing grant award in not achieving additional matched external funding; and</li> <li>b) that this is not a service that the Council provides across its other major towns.</li> </ul> <p>ii. That the remaining five funded organisations be informed of continuation of Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) funding for the financial year 2016/17 at the same existing grant level subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) confirmation and funding evidence from each group of its continued financial/operational viability (including identification of other funding streams which that is dependent upon); and</li> <li>b) notification of a fundamental review of HDC Voluntary Sector Grant Funding system during 2016/17 as per the resolution detailed in (iii) below.</li> </ul> <p>iii. That an HDC led Working Group of appropriate Members and Officers of both the District and County Councils be established to review the Voluntary Sector Grant Funding system, on the principles of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) tapering funding from 2016/17 in line with the District Councils overall Medium Term Financial Strategy and as detailed in Paragraph 3.1.3 Option 2 of the submitted report;</li> <li>b) a commissioning and outcomes model with funding focused upon infrastructure organisations, taking due account of the</li> </ul>	C Stopford 388280

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	<p>National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) 'Change for Good' report and in particular Recommendation 14 of that report as expressed at Paragraph 3.2.2 Option B of the submitted report; and</p> <p>c) the Working Group to conclude its recommendations direct to the Cabinet no later than end July 2016.</p> <p>iv. That the Council expect funded organisations to undertake an efficiency review of their individual business on a 'Lean' or Zero Based Budgeting concept approach, which the Council could assist with and for which support should be sought from the NAVCA and from the Hunts Forum for Voluntary Organisations as representative of voluntary sector organisations.</p>	
8	<p><b>DRAFT 2016/17 REVENUE BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (2017/18 to 2020/21)</b></p> <p>i. approves the freezing of Council Tax for 2016/17;</p> <p>ii. approves the removal of the savings proposal to charge a bus departure levy within the District;</p> <p>iii. approves the draft Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21;</p> <p>iv. approves the overall draft Budget 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2017/18 to 2020/21;</p> <p>v. considered the current MTFS position with regards to the General Fund Reserve and agrees to continue the use of the Zero Based Budgeting principles and commits to continue to develop the actions and programmes as set out in the 'Plan on a Page' to find further savings and efficiencies in order to maintain a prudent level of reserves throughout the MTFS;</p> <p>vi. approves the Council Tax Base 2016/17 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the submitted report;</p> <p>vii. considered the offer by Government to all Councils of a four-year financial settlement and agrees that if the deadline for submission of an efficiency plan is before the February Cabinet meeting, that delegated authority is given to the Head of Resources to approve the plan subject to agreement by the Executive Councillor for Resources;</p> <p>viii. that following the resolution regarding Voluntary Sector Grant Funding 2016/17 – 2019/20 (Minute No. 77) changes be reflected in the Voluntary Sector Grants budget for 2016/17 and over the MTFS period.</p>	<p>C Mason 388157 R Maxwell 388026 G Oliver 388604</p>
9	<p><b>ANNUAL EQUALITY PROGRESS REPORT 2015</b></p> <p>Approve the equality objectives and actions that are more</p>	<p>L Sboui</p>

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	relevant and Huntingdonshire focused as attached as Appendix 1 of the submitted report.	388032
10	<p><b>FUTURE SERVICE PROVISION</b></p> <p>Agreed the recommendations as detailed within the submitted exempt report.</p>	<p>A Dobbyne 388100</p>