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FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE – 25 JULY 2019  
DECISION LIST

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.</b>	<b>REPORT REF.</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements		<p>The Chairman made the following announcement:</p> <p>Previously the Asset Development Committee received updates on matters related to the Council's Assets. This Committee has now assumed those responsibilities. The Council's assets are important and therefore it is equally important that we do not lose sight of what is happening, particularly the monitoring of previous decisions. Could I therefore ask the Director Commercial and the Open Spaces and Facilities Manager to produce a standard report that provides an update on the Council's assets. This will then be updated and reported to every meeting of this Committee.</p>	
6.	-	External Audit – Local Government Sector Up-date	To consider the auditors' view of the local government sector.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	-
7.	-	External Audit – Audit Progress Report	To receive the Audit Progress Report.	The report was received.	-
8.	U37	Annual Governance Statement	To receive the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.</p>	Chief Internal Auditor LGSS

9.	U38	2018/19 Annual Financial Report/Statement of Accounts	To approve the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the 2018/19 draft Statement of Accounts, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved subject to the Section 151 Officer, in conjunction with Ernst &amp; young (EY) and in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and the Liberal Democrat Lead Member, being authorised to make any minor changes as required following the completion of the audit;</li> <li>2) That if more fundamental changes are needed to the Statement of Accounts, these will be brought back to Committee for further approval once the audit has been completed.</li> </ol>	Finance Manager
10.	U39	Corporate Risk Management	To update Members on the key risks facing the Council, and the associated mitigating actions.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>To endorse the proposed amendments to the Corporate Risk Register</p>	Chief Internal Auditor LGSS
11.	U40	Internal Audit Progress Report	To advise Members of the work of Internal Audit completed during the period April 2019 to June 2019, and the progress against the Internal Audit Plan.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note the progress made by Internal Audit in the delivery of the Audit Plan and the key findings.</li> </ul>	Chief Internal Auditor LGSS

12.	U41	Finance Report	To provide Members with budget monitoring information for services under the Finance & Assets Committee and then, as part of its corporate remit, for the Council as a whole.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note that this Committee has a projected yearend underspend of £253,000 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £5,181,667;</li> <li>To note that overall the Council has a projected yearend underspend of £203,000 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £13,445,801;</li> <li>To note that the overall position for the Council on Capital is a projected outturn of £4,805,805, which is an underspend of £6,330,000 when compared to its revised budget.</li> </ul> <p>It was further resolved:</p> <p>To approve an increase of £15,278 in the Disability Facilities Grant budget, this to reflect the additional grant received over the amount originally budgeted.</p>	Finance Manager
13.	-	Anglia Revenues & Benefits Partnership Joint Committee Minutes	To receive the minutes of the Committee meeting held 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be noted.</p>	-
14.	-	Forward Agenda Plan	To receive the Forward Agenda Plan for the Committee.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Forward Agenda Plan, and the comments made thereon, be noted.</p>	Democratic Services Officer

15.	-	Exclusion of the Press and Public	-	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>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 &amp; 2 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</p>	
16.	U42	Easement Over Land in Churchill Close, Sutton	To consider a request for an easement over Council owned land to a resident in Churchill Close, Sutton.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>(i) To agree the grant of an easement to the resident over public open space in Churchill Close, Sutton on the terms detailed in paragraph 3.5 of the report, subject to a restrictive covenant that provides clawback provision for any change of use of the property; and</p> <p>(ii) To authorise the Legal Services Manager &amp; Monitoring Officer to proceed accordingly.</p>	Legal Services Manager & Monitoring Officer
17.	U43	Write Off of Unrecoverable Debt	The Council is required to write-off an amount where the debtor has died and there is considered no prospect of the debt being recovered.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the write-off of £2,715.31 owed by the deceased referred to in the submitted report, be approved.</p>	Finance Manager

***Please Note: These decisions will come into effect on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019 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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Recommendations of the Policy Committees to other bodies (or to Council) cannot be called-in.***