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EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE – 30 JANUARY 2017
DECISION LIST

AGENDA ITEM NO.	REPORT REF.	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
1.	-	Public Question Time		No questions were submitted by the members of the public.	
3.	-	Declarations of Interest	To receive declarations of interest from Members for any items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.	<p>The Chairman declared a Personal Interest in relation to the the Swaffham Bulbeck CLT grant application in Agenda Item 7, as Swaffham Bulbeck was within his County Council Division.</p> <p>Councillor Cresswell stated that he had been a Trustee of VIVA Arts and Community Group until recently and was a supporter of the organisation, so he would not take part in the discussion and voting on the VIVA CLT grant application in Agenda Item 7.</p>	
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements		<p>The Chairman made the following announcement:</p> <p>The Chairman referred to forthcoming departure from the Council of the Director Resources and Section 151 Officer, Andy Radford, thanked him on behalf of the Committee for all of his excellent work and conveyed their best wishes to him for the future. The Committee expressed their appreciation by a round of applause for Mr Radford.</p>	
6.	-	External Audit – Certification of Claims and Returns Annual Report 2015/16	To consider the External Audit report on the certification of claims and returns for 2015/16.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the External Audit Certification of Claims and Returns Annual Report 2015/16 be noted.</p>	Andy Radford

7.	R186	Community Land Trust (CLT) Grant Applications	To consider grant applications from Swaffham Bulbeck CLT and VIVA CLT.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be given to a grant application for £5,000 from Swaffham Bulbeck Community Land Trust (CLT). 2. That approval be given to a grant application for £5,000 from VIVA Community Land Trust (CLT). 	Emma Grima/ Debbie Wildridge
8.	R187	Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure Review	To review the East Cambridgeshire District, Town & Parish Councillor Code of Conduct Complaints Handling procedure.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the East Cambridgeshire Member Code of Conduct Complaints Handling Procedure be amended to delete reference to “political motivation”.</p>	John Hill/Maggie Camp
9.	R188	2017/18 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy (AIS)	To consider the 2017/18 Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS).	<p>It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>That Council approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2017/18 Treasury Management Strategy; • The Annual Investment Strategy; • The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement; • The Prudential and Treasury Indicators; <p>as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.</p>	Andy Radford

10.	R189	Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2017/18	To consider the proposed Revenue and Capital Budgets and the required level of Council Tax for 2017/18, and to receive an assessment of the robustness of the Budgets, the adequacy of Reserves and an update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.	<p>It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>That Council approve (as amended for Council):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 2017/18 revenue budget as set out in the revised Appendix 1 to the submitted report, including a proposed Council Tax freeze. 2. The Statement of Reserves as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report. 3. The Fees and Charges for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 3 to the submitted report 4. The Capital Programme and financing as set out at Appendix 4 to the submitted report. <p>It was also resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Business Rates discount to local newspapers as detailed in Paragraph 6.6 of the submitted report be approved. 2. That, as the Council are still awaiting final Settlement figures, should the numbers change between Corporate Governance and Finance Committee and full Council, officers be authorised to adjust the use of the surplus savings reserve (as necessary) so that the net budget and Council Tax remains unchanged. 3. That subject to the Regulatory and Support Services Committee decision on the Waste Service on 6th February, the budget be amended (as necessary) to reflect the need to undertake work and potentially make capital purchases in the FY 2017-18. 	Andy Radford
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11.	R190	Budget Monitoring Report	To receive an update on the Council's current financial position for 2016/17 financial year for both revenue and capital expenditure.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the projected year end underspend of £93,000 compared to its approved revenue budget of £3,660,876 for this Committee be noted. 2. That the overall projected year end underspend of £437,500 compared to its approved revenue budget of £10,436,843 for the Council be noted. 3. That it be noted that, whilst this Committee has no specific capital schemes linked to it; the overall position for the Council on Capital is a projected capital outturn underspend of £2,945,705. 	Ian Smith
12.	-	Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership (ARP) Joint Committee Minutes	To receive the Minutes of the meetings of the ARP Joint Committee held on 6 December 2016 and 10 January 2017.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meetings of the ARP Joint Committee held on 6 December 2016 and 10 January 2017 be noted.</p>	Andy Radford
13.	-	Forward Agenda Plan	To receive the Forward Agenda Plan for the Committee.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Forward Agenda Plan be noted.</p>	Tracy Couper

Please Note: These decisions will come into effect on Monday 13 February 2017 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 Monday 6 February 2017. 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.