

FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 2019
DECISION LIST

AGENDA ITEM NO.	REPORT REF.	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements		<p>The Chairman made the following announcement:</p> <p>A consortium led by Cambridgeshire County Council and including East Cambridgeshire District Council was awarded £700,000 for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's parks and nature reserves. The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough project was chosen from more than 80 other projects by councils and communities across the UK to receive a share of more than £6 million funding and £5 million worth of advice and support.</p> <p>We are looking forward to seeing what benefits can be achieved for East Cambridgeshire and Spencer Clark is a member of the Working Party.</p>	
6.	-	External Audit - Annual Audit and Certification Fees Letter	To receive the External Audit Annual Audit and Certification Fees Letter for 2019/20.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the External Audit Annual Audit and Certification Fees Letter for 2019/20 be noted.</p>	Ian Smith
7.	U25	Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion	To report on the work of Internal Audit and the annual opinion for 2018/19	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Internal Audit report and opinion for 2018/19 be approved.</p>	Ian Smith

8.	U26	Draft Annual Governance Statement	To receive the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19	It was resolved: That the Draft Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.	IanSmith/ Internal Audit
9.	U27	Finance Report	To provide Members with the financial outturn position for services under the former Resources & Finance Committee and then, as part of this Committee's corporate remit, for the Council as a whole. While the Committee structure of the Council has now changed, as this report relates to the 2018/19 financial year, the previous committee structure is reflected.	It was resolved: 1) That the following be noted: ➤ The final revenue position for the Council was an underspend of £987,740, this compared to its approved budget of £13,099,777; ➤ That the Council's overall position on Capital was an outturn spend of £3,479,256, an underspend of £7,951,689 when compared to its revised capital budget; ➤ The Council had revenue reserves of £11,048,964 at March 2019. 2) That approval be given to the roll forward of slippage on the capital programme (as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report) to allow 2018/19 schemes to be completed during 2019/20 and future years.	Ian Smith
10.	U28	2018/19 Treasury Operations Annual Performance Review	To consider the Council's Treasury operations during 2018/19.	It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL: That the report on the Council's Treasury operations during 2018/19 including the actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.	Ian Smith

11.	U29	Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019/20 Review	To consider the findings of the 2019 annual review and the resultant proposals for the LCTRS scheme to take effect from 1 April 2020.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Council undertakes the statutory consultation on the LCTRS for 2020/21 based on the following principles and reports back to this Committee at the end of the consultation period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council retains the 8.5% benefit scheme, i.e. the maximum benefit to working age claimants is 91.5% and introducing a tolerance rule for the treatment of Universal Credit awards. 	Ian Smith
12.	U30	Revised Health & Safety Policy	To consult on the Council's revised Health & Safety Policy.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the draft policy be approved, for implementation within the Council.</p>	David Vincent/ Spencer Clark

13.	U31	Annual Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies	<p>To confirm the appointment of the proposed nominated representatives to those outside bodies which fall within the remit of the Finance & Assets Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report;</p> <p>To receive the Annual Reports from appointed Council representatives on the activities and manner in which funding is spent by the outside bodies within the responsibility of the Finance & Assets Committee.</p>	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the appointment of the proposed nominated representatives to those outside bodies which fall within the remit of the Finance & Assets Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be confirmed; • That the Annual Reports from appointed Council representatives on the activities and manner in which funding is spent by the outside bodies within the responsibility of the Finance & Assets Committee, be noted. 	Janis Murfet
14.	-	Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership (ARP) Joint Committee Minutes	To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 26 March 2019.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 26 March 2019 be noted.</p>	Emma Grima

15.	-	Forward Agenda Plan	To receive the Forward Agenda Plan for the Committee.	It was resolved: That the Forward Agenda Plan, and the comments made thereon, be noted.	Janis Murfet
16.	-	Exclusion of the Press and Public	-	It was resolved: 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 & 2 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	
17.	U32	Appointments, Transfers and Resignations	To receive: (i) details of staff appointments, transfers and resignations for the period 1 st March to 30 June 2019; and (ii) a summary of the main responses given by staff for leaving the Council's employment and feedback received during Exit Interviews.	It was resolved: That the content of the information report be noted.	Nicole Pema

Please Note: These decisions will come into effect on Thursday 4th July 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 27th June 2019. Recommendations of the Policy Committees to other bodies (or to Council) cannot be called-in.