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DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COUNCIL – 4 JANUARY 2018**  
**DECISION LIST**

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1.	-	Public Question Time	To answer questions from members of the public.	There were no questions from members of the public.	-
2.	-	Apologies for Absence	-	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Allan, Austen, Bovingdon, Bradley, Chaplin, Green, Hobbs and Shuter.	-
3.	-	Declarations of Interest	To receive declarations of interests from Members in respect of any items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.	Declarations of Interests were made by the following Councillors as detailed in respect of Agenda Items:  9c – Councillors Bailey and Roberts Prejudicial Interest as Directors of ECTC.  11 (Exempt Item) - Councillor Pearson as wife has a business relating to area referred to in report.	-
4.	-	Minutes – 5 October & 23 November 2017	-	It was resolved:  That the Minutes of the meetings held on 5 October & 23 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	Democratic Services Manager
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements	Announcement of items of interest.	The Chairman made the following announcements:  First and foremost, may I wish Members and officers alike a very Happy New Year.	All Members to note

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				<p>2018 promises to be an eventful and progressive one for our Council.</p> <p><u>Business Visit</u></p> <p>Our next business visit will be to Lancaster Way Enterprise Zone on Friday 19 January 2018. Details already have been E-mailed to Members. If you would like to join us and have not already responded, please contact Jessica Dewsbury, the E-Space Business Centre Administrator, who is co-ordinating arrangements on my behalf.</p> <p><u>Member Seminars</u></p> <p>Members are reminded of the two Member Seminars taking place this month – the re-arranged health and Wellbeing Seminar on Thursday 11 January and the annual Budget Seminar scheduled for Thursday 25 January, both commencing at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber.</p> <p>If you have not already done so, please can you inform Kimberley Wardle in Democratic Services as to whether or not you will be attending.</p> <p><u>Chairman's Reception</u></p> <p>The Chairman's Reception will be held on Friday 20 April 2018 at the Granary Barns, Woodditton. I look forward to welcoming you to the South of the District on that</p>	

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				<p>evening. Official invitations will be sent out in early March.</p> <p>With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Hunt expressed the gratitude of the Council to Councillor Cox for his work with officers on the installation of the new lighting in the Council Chamber evident this evening.</p>	
6.	-	To Receive Petitions	To receive public petitions.	No petitions had been received.	-
7.	-	Notice of Motions Under Procedure Rule 10	To receive and consider any motions from Members.	No motions were received.	
8.	-	To answer Questions from Members	To receive questions from Members of Council.	<p>The following questions were received from Councillor Lorna Dupré and responded to as detailed:</p> <p><b><u>Ditches &amp; Watercourses</u></b></p> <p>Does the Council believe it has committed enough resources to maintenance of its ditches and watercourses?</p> <p><b>Response from Director Commercial:</b></p> <p>The Council is responsible for approximately 26 miles of awarded water course across the district. The responsibility is to ensure that the water flows freely.</p>	

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				<p>Regular visual inspections are carried out and we have regular contact with landowners and work closely with them for access.</p> <p>Desilting and vegetation removal is carried out as and when needed, as this varies to the nature of the watercourse, with some locations maintained annually while others have several years in-between.</p> <p>Priority is given to watercourses, as if they were to overflow could enter properties.</p> <p>There is a very small window to carry out maintenance due to nesting time, breeding season for other animals, invertebrates, amphibians. We also have limited access because of crops adjacent to the watercourse (this restricts us to the amount of work we can do).</p> <p>We are also aware and sensitive to the fact that these watercourses are valuable wildlife habitats and ecosystem, therefore maintenance is carried out appropriately. (This restricts us to the amount of work we can do).</p> <p>There is an Award Ditch budget which is sufficient and machinery has been purchased for some of the maintenance</p>	

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				<p>work, and we have a specialist contractor in place to help us with the maintenance.</p> <p>Officers attend Cambridgeshire Flood Risk Management Partnership meetings, which looks at the bigger picture to ensure that all those that are responsible contribute to the maintenance programmes.</p> <p>There is sufficient officer and financial resource committed to the maintenance of ditches and watercourses.</p> <p><b><u>Waste &amp; Recyclates</u></b></p> <p>In July <a href="#">2017 China and Hong Kong announced</a> a clampdown on waste imports, setting very tight contamination standards on 24 categories of imported waste, especially paper and plastic. The UK has exported more than 2.7 million tonnes of waste plastic to China and Hong Kong since 2012. What effect will the loss of the market for waste paper and plastic have on the finances and operation of the District's current waste collection arrangements, and on the future plans for the service under a new local authority trading company?</p> <p><b>Response from Director Operations:</b></p> <p>The situation regarding China's acceptance</p>	

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				<p>of recyclates needs further clarification before the implications are clear. The statement that China no longer will accept recyclates for processing and the re use in manufacturing may not, for example, include all plastics because there may still be value in recycling high grade plastics.</p> <p>The risk of falling recyclate values is shared between ECDC and its MRF operator Amey and any reduction in recyclate values will evidently lead to an increase in costs but the extent of these costs is are difficult to estimate at this point in time.</p> <p>We will work with Amey and the Cambridgeshire/Peterborough authorities to achieve the best economic and environmental solutions going forward.</p>	
9.	S210	Schedule of Items Recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies	To consider and take decisions on items recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies	<p><b><u>RESOURCES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – 30 NOVEMBER 2017</u></b></p> <p>(a) <u>Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) Review</u></p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council retain the 8.5% benefit scheme, i.e. the maximum benefit to working age claimants is 91.5%.</li> <li>2. To harmonise the scheme with DWP</li> </ol>	Finance Manager & S151 Officer

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				<p>Welfare Reforms and make entitlement to LCTRS, for the most part, conditional upon Universal Credit entitlement.</p> <p>(b) <u>Treasury Operations Mid Year Review</u></p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the mid-year review of the Council's Treasury Management for 2017/18 to 30 September 2017, as set out at Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be noted.</li> <li>2. That an increase in the authorised limit for external debt to £10,000,000 be approved.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE – 11 DECEMBER 2017</u></b></p> <p><u>Establishment of a Local Authority Trading Company</u></p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Overall Business Plan as detailed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report be approved.</li> <li>2. That the Shareholder Agreement and Articles of Association as detailed in Appendix 2 and 3 of the</li> </ol>	<p>Finance Manager &amp; S151 Officer</p> <p>Director Commercial</p>

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				<p>submitted report be approved.</p> <p>3. That the composition of the Board as set out in Appendix 1 (ref: Para 4.1.1) of the submitted report be approved.</p> <p>4. That the appointment of Paul Remington as Chairman of the LATC be approved.</p> <p>5. That the Chief Executive and Legal Services Manager be authorised to complete the necessary legal documentation to implement the above.</p> <p>6. That the Deputy Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution, as necessary, to implement the above.</p> <p>7. That the remuneration of the Chairman of the new LATC be referred back to the Shareholder Committee.</p>	<p>Chief Executive and Legal Services Manager</p> <p>Deputy Monitoring Officer</p> <p>Legal Services Manager</p>
10.	-	Combined Authority Update Reports: a. October 2017 b. November 2017	To receive reports on the activities of the Combined Authority from the Council's appointees.	<p>The following question was asked by Councillor Lorna Dupré and responded to as detailed in relation to the report of the Combined Authority Board for October 2017:</p> <p>To ask the Council's representative to the</p>	-



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				<p>Combined Authority whether the Authority's bus review will include non-scheduled services and community transport (as the definition suggests it will)?</p> <p><b>Response from Councillor Charles Roberts:</b></p> <p>The CA bus review will be strategic in its focus. Its job is to look at the future of bus travel across the entirety of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough over the coming decades. One of the things the report will look at in detail will be the possibility of introducing bus franchising. An option that is open to Mayoral Combined Authorities.</p> <p>In taking a strategic look, the review will look into the future of community transport provision in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and non-scheduled services such as dial-a-ride.</p> <p>However, it is not the job of this review to look into specific routes in terms of origin and destination.</p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the reports on the activities of the Combined Authority from the Council's appointees be noted.</p>	

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	-	<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>	That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining agenda item 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 public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	It was resolved:  That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining agenda item.	-
11.	-	Asset Management Matter – Parish of Ely	To consider an asset management matter relating to the Parish of Ely.	It was resolved:  1. That approval be given to the land acquisition as detailed in the submitted report.  2. That the Chief Executive and Legal Services Manager be authorised to complete the necessary legal documentation to implement the land acquisition.	Chief Executive and Legal Services Manager