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EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 25 FEBRUARY 2016
DECISION LIST

Agenda Item No.	Report Ref.	Item	Issue	Decision	Action by
1.	-	Public Question Time	To answer questions from members of the public.	<p>The following question was received from Barbara Grafton and read out in her absence regarding the Planning application for the proposed development at Barton Road, Ely:</p> <p>‘I am writing to pose a question concerning the above planning application by ECDC to erect 11 residential dwellings at Barton Road Car Park, Ely. Also relevant is the recent announcement of the Council’s intention to close the public toilets in the Barton Road car park.</p> <p>I have read, on ECDC’s Planning Portal, the email concerning this planning application sent by Lorraine Reade, Managing Director of Lambert’s Coaches (Beccles) Ltd., (copy attached). In her email, Ms. Reade states:</p> <p>“If [coach] parking was removed, I fear that we would be forced to maybe go to other places for day trips, etc. We bring lots of groups to Ely for the day every year, as we are only about a 2 hour journey away, and places like the Cathedral are always very</p>	-

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				<p>popular.”</p> <p>Ms. Reade also writes that the coach park give the drivers opportunity to have a suitable rest break, and the toilet facilities make her company more likely to come to Ely “rather than places such as Cambridge, where facilities are very limited”. She concludes: “Use us, don’t lose us as they say.”</p> <p>Has the Council undertaken, or does it intend to undertake, a comprehensive survey of ALL coach companies visiting Ely to seek their opinions on being restricted to 15 minutes in Barton Road car park and then having to drive to the city outskirts to park where there are no facilities for their drivers?</p> <p>If such a survey is not in the Council’s thinking, it clearly is not undertaking an adequate risk assessment of the consequences of this proposed development on Ely’s vital tourism revenues, or on the operating safety of coaches.’</p> <p>The question was responded to by the Leader of the Council, Councillor James Palmer, as follows:</p>	

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				<i>The Council is committed to providing alternative coach parking in Ely in close proximity to driver facilities. Specific proposals to provide sensible alternatives will form the basis of a public exhibition which will detail all aspects of the Barton Road Development.</i>	
2.	-	Apologies for Absence	-	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown, Chaplin, Edwards, Griffin-Singh, Hitchin, Ross, Sennitt and Stubbs.	-
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.	No declarations of interests were received.	-
4.	-	Minutes – 7 January 2016	-	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the amendment of the sixth sentence of the sixth main paragraph of Minute 62(b) relating to the Motion on Council Tax to read:</p> <p>'Taking the £4.8M would not address the £31M cut <i>in the Children and Families and Adults Directorate</i> and therefore the County Council needed to do things</p>	Democratic Services Manager

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5.	Q200	Bottisham District Ward By-Election Result	To receive details of the result of the Bottisham By-Election held on 4 February 2016 and the allocation of seats on Committees, etc, arising therefrom.	It was resolved: That the election of Councillor Alan Sharp as a District Councillor for the Bottisham Ward and the allocation of seats on Committees, etc, to him arising therefrom be noted.	Democratic Services Manager
6.	-	Chairman's Announcements	Announcement of items of interest.	<p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p><u>Chairman's Reception 11 March 2016</u></p> <p>The Chairman reminded Members that his Chairman's Reception would be held on 11 March 2016 at The Maltings, Ely. The Chairman stated that up to 120 people would be attending the Reception and it gave a good opportunity to meet and exchange views with representatives of other authorities. He requested Members who had not already done so to reply to Lynne Smart to confirm their attendance.</p> <p><u>Cancellation of 19 April full Council meeting</u></p> <p>The Chairman stated that as the report on the new Leisure Centre funding strategy now will be submitted to a future Council meeting, the full Council meeting scheduled for 19 April 2016 will be cancelled. The Chairman asked Members to amend their diaries accordingly.</p>	

7.	-	Petitions	To receive public petitions.	No Petitions had been received.	-
8.	-	Notice of Motions Under Procedure Rule 10	To receive and consider any motions from Members.	No motions were received.	
9.	-	Questions from Members	To receive questions from Members of Council.	<p>The following question was asked by Councillor Mathew Shuter on behalf of the Members detailed below in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.2:</p> <p>Due to a string of justifiable complaints from local tenants, we the undersigned, namely:</p> <p>Councillors Cresswell and Shuter (Cheveley) Councillor Sharp (Bottisham) Councillor Morris (Dullingham Villages)</p> <p>have no confidence in the local management of Sanctuary Housing.</p> <p>Can I request that the Leader of Council instructs the Chief Executive to convene an urgent meeting with senior management representatives of Sanctuary Housing, relevant East Cambridgeshire DC Directors and Councillors to express our serious concerns.</p> <p>The question was responded to by the Leader of the Council, Councillor James Palmer, who agreed to the Councillors' request.</p>	

10.	Q201	2016/17 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS)	To consider the 2016/17 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS).	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That approval be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2016/17 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>	Chief Financial Officer
11.	Q202	Community Led Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	To consider and adopt the Community-Led Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), taking account of public consultation late last year on the draft version of the SPD.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the “Community-Led Development Supplementary Planning Document”, attached at Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be adopted.</p>	Strategic Planning Manager
12.	Q203	Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2016/17	<p>To consider the Council’s proposed Revenue and Capital Budgets and the required level of Council Tax for 2016/17.</p> <p>To assess the robustness of the budgets, the adequacy of reserves and update the Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p>	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the formal Budget resolution, which calculates the Council Tax requirement, as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be adopted. ii. That the draft 2016/17 Revenue Budget, set out in Appendix 2 of the submitted report, which includes a Council Tax freeze be approved. iii. That the Statement of Reserves, as set out in Appendix 3 of the submitted report, be approved. iv. That the Fees and Charges 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 4 of the submitted 	Chief Financial Officer

				<p>report, be approved.</p> <p>v. That the Capital Programme and financing, as set out at Appendix 5 of the submitted report, be approved.</p> <p>vi. That the additional Rural Services Grant of £122,000 announced for 2016/17 in the final settlement, be allocated to fund rural initiatives within the District and that the Commercial Services Committee be tasked with determining an appropriate framework for how the budget should be distributed.</p>	
13.	Q204	Pay Policy Statement 2016/17	To consider the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17 in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the 2016/17 Pay Policy Statement be approved and adopted.</p>	HR Manager