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EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 26 FEBRUARY 2015
DECISION LIST

Agenda Item No.	Report Ref.	Item	Issue	Decision	Action by
1.	-	Public Question Time	To answer questions from members of the public.	There were no public questions received.	-
2.	-	Apologies for Absence	-	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, Griffin-Singh, Kerby, Read, Ross and Willows.	-
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.	The Principal Solicitor and Monitoring Officer explained the position on declarations of interests and dispensations relating to the Budget and Council Tax. No declarations of interests were received.	-
4.	-	Minutes – 8 January 2015	-	It was resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	Principal Democratic Services Officer
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements	Announcement of items of interest.	The Chairman made the following announcements: <u>Chairman's Reception 20 February 2015</u> The Chairman thanked all Members that had attended the Chairman's Reception held on 20 February 2015 at the Hayward	

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				<p>Theatre at The King's School, Ely. The Chairman stated that he had received many positive comments on the Reception, which gave a good opportunity to meet and exchange views with representatives of other authorities.</p> <p><u>'Hidden Gem' Award – Oliver Cromwell's House</u></p> <p>The Chairman congratulated Oliver Cromwell's House on receipt of a 'Hidden Gem' award. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Chairman of Commercial Services Committee, Councillor Richard Hobbs, explained about the award and the income generated from Tourism within the District. Councillor Hobbs commended the work of Tracey Harding and the Town Centre Services and Tourism Team and this was acknowledged by the Council with a round of applause.</p>	Team Leader Town Centre Services
6.	-	To Receive Petitions	To receive public petitions.	No Petitions had been received.	-
7.	-	Notice of Motions Under Procedure Rule 10	<p>(a) <u>Constitutional Amendments Planning Committee</u></p> <p>The following Motion (as amended) was proposed by Cllr Mike Rouse and seconded by Cllr Charles Roberts:</p>	On being put to the vote, the motion was supported.	Principal Solicitor/ Planning Manager

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			<p>The Council instructs the Chief Executive and Principal Solicitor to amend and addend the Constitution forthwith, specifically (Section 3 Responsibility of Functions, Planning Committee Page 44/45/46 5.0, Delegation to Officers) to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) amend 5.3 "The delegation of Sections 70 and 72 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 applications is subject to a Member's right to request that a non-householder development planning decision, is made by the Planning Committee PROVIDING this request is within the period up to the issuing of the decision notice; (ii) amend 5.5 "A Member may make a request that a householder development planning decision is made by the Planning Committee PROVIDING this request is within the period up to the issuing of the decision notice. 		

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			<p>(b) <u>Review Of Future Income and Expenditure</u></p> <p>The following Motion was proposed by Cllr Ian Allen and seconded by Cllr Neil Morrison:</p> <p>That this Council carries out an urgent review of future income and expenditure, looking at least five years ahead, with particular reference to the need to maintain good quality services.</p> <p>The review must include the costs of meeting EU waste diversion targets and the maintenance of good sports facilities across the district.</p> <p>In the light of the findings, Council will transparently appraise the true long term costs of the proposed leisure centre and act with prudence on those findings.</p>	<p>On being put to the vote, the motion was lost.</p>	<p>Financial Services Manager</p>
8.	-	To answer Questions from Members	To receive questions from Members of Council.	<p>There were no questions from Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.2.</p> <p>However, with the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Fordham advised Members of the Council that the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to former</p>	

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				Councillor John Palmer deceased would be taking place at the Soham Cemetery North Chapel this Sunday 1 March at 2.30pm. Councillor Fordham invited all Councillors to attend the ceremony.	
9.	P193	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><u>Corporate Governance and Finance Committee – 29 January 2015</u></p> <p><u>2015/16 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS)</u></p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That approval be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2015/16 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, subject to the removal of Saudi Arabia from the list of approved countries for investments in Appendix 5.3 of the report.</p>	Financial Services Manager
10.	P194	2015/2016 Council Tax, Revenue and Capital Budgets	To consider the Council's Capital and Revenue Budgets and the setting of the Council Tax for 2015/16.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>i. That the formal Budget resolution, which calculates the Council Tax requirement, as set out in Appendix 1 of the officer's</p>	Financial Services Manager

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				<p>report, be adopted.</p> <p>ii. That the draft Revenue Budget, set out in Appendix 2 of the officer's report, which includes a Council Tax freeze be approved.</p> <p>iii. That the Capital Programme and financing, as set out at Appendix 3 of the officer's report, be approved.</p> <p>iv. That the Statement of Reserves, as set out in Appendix 4 of the officer's report, be approved.</p> <p>v. That the Fees and Charges 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 5 of the officer's report, be approved.</p> <p>vi. That the programme for schemes to be funded from the former Housing and Planning Delivery Grant, as set out in Appendix 6 of the officer's report, be approved.</p> <p>vii. That the use of the Council's discretionary powers (S47 Local Government Finance Act) to provide transitional relief to small and medium sized properties be approved and that delegated authority be given to the Financial Services Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Corporate Governance and Finance Committee to determine the final guidelines for transitional relief for</p>	

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				2015/16 and 2016/17 which continue the existing scheme and follow the guidance issued by the DCLG.	
11.	P195	Pay Policy Statement 2015/16	To consider the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.	It was resolved: That the 2015/16 Pay Policy Statement be approved.	HR and Facilities Services Manager