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EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOURCES & FINANCE COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2019
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.	There were no declarations of Interests by Members of the Committee.	
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements		The Chairman did not make any announcements.	
6.	-	External Audit – Certification of Claims and Returns Annual Report 2017/18	To consider the External Audit report on the certification of claims and returns for 2017/18.	It was resolved: That the External Audit Certification of Claims and Returns Annual Report 2017/18 be noted.	Ian Smith
7.	-	External Audit - Audit Planning Report	To consider the External Audit Plan.	It was resolved: That the External Audit Plan be noted.	Ian Smith

8.	T188	2019/20 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy (AIS)	To consider the 2019/20 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 2019/20 Treasury Management Strategy; • The Annual Investment Strategy; • The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement; • The Prudential and Treasury Indicators; <p>set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, as amended to include an updated Brexit Timetable and Process.</p>	Ian Smith
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9.	T189	Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2019/20	To consider the proposed Revenue and Capital Budgets and the required level of Council Tax for 2019/20, 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 2019/20 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 2019/20, 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. 5. The awarding of discretionary Business Rate relief to certain retail business premises with a rateable value below £51,000 as set out in paragraphs 5.2 to 5.4 of the submitted report. <p>It was also resolved:</p> <p>That, as the Council are still awaiting final Settlement figures and completion of the NNDR1 Return, should the numbers change between Resources and Finance Committee and full Council, the Finance Manager be authorised to adjust the use of the Surplus Savings Reserve in 2019/20 (as necessary) so that the net budget and Council Tax for that year remain unchanged.</p>	Ian Smith
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10.	T190	Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules	To consider draft Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.	<p>It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>That Council approve the adoption of the new Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules attached to the submitted report for inclusion within the Constitution, subject to amendment throughout of reference to 'the relevant Committee' to avoid the requirement to change the Constitution each time the name of that Committee changes.</p>	Ian Smith
11.	T191	Corporate Risk Management	To update Members on the key risks facing the council, and the associated mitigating actions.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the proposed amendments to the Corporate Risk Register set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report be endorsed.</p>	Ian Smith/ Internal Audit
12.	T192	Finance Report	To receive budget monitoring information for services under the responsibility of Resources and Finance Committee and then, as part of its corporate remit, for the Council as a whole.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the projected year end underspend of £280,000 compared to the approved revenue budget of £5,334,176 for this Committee be noted. 2. That the overall projected year end underspend of £443,500 compared to the approved revenue budget of £13,099,778 for the Council be noted. 3. That the projected year end Capital spend of £302,444 compared to the revised budget of £6,632,444 for this Committee be noted. 4. That the overall position for the Council on Capital of a projected capital outturn of £4,324,570, which is an underspend of £7,038,982, be noted. 	Ian Smith

13.	-	Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership (ARP) Joint Committee Minutes	To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 4 December 2018.	It was resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 4 December 2018 be noted.	Emma Grima
14.	-	Forward Agenda Plan	To receive the Forward Agenda Plan for the Committee.	It was resolved: That the Forward Agenda Plan be noted.	Tracy Couper

Please Note: These decisions will come into effect on Monday 11 February 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 Monday 4 February 2019. 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.