

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON
TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016, AT 7.00
PM

PRESENT: Councillor L Haysey (Chairman/Leader)
Councillors E Buckmaster, A Jackson,
G Jones, G McAndrew, S Rutland-Barsby
and G Williamson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors A Alder, R Brunton, S Bull,
M Freeman, J Goodeve, P Moore and
P Ruffles.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan Geall	- Head of Housing and Health
Martin Ibrahim	- Democratic Services Team Leader
Helen Standen	- Director
Kevin Steptoe	- Head of Planning and Building Control Services
Liz Watts	- Chief Executive
Kevin Williams	- Acting Head of Legal and Democratic Services

221 **HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PANSHANGER
PARK AND ITS ENVIRONS, JUNE 2016**

**The Executive considered and supported the
recommendations of the District Planning Executive
Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on the Heritage
Impact Assessment for Panshanger Park and its**

Environs, June 2016.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for Panshanger Park and its Environs, June 2016, be agreed as part of the evidence base to inform and support preparation of the East Herts District Plan; and

(B) the HIA for Panshanger Park be agreed as evidence to inform Development Management decisions.

(see also Minute 256)

222 **HERTFORD AND WARE EMPLOYMENT STUDY, JUNE 2016**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on the Hertford and Ware Employment Study, June 2016.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the Hertford and Ware Employment Study, June 2016, be approved as part of the evidence base to inform and support the East Herts District Plan; and

(B) the Hertford and Ware Employment Study, June 2016, be approved to inform Development Management decisions.

(see also Minute 256)

223 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 1 – Introduction: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 1 (Introduction) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 256)

224 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 2 – VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 2 – Vision and Strategic Objectives: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 2 (Vision and Strategic Objectives) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 256)

225 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 7 – HERTFORD: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the

recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 7 – Hertford: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 7 (Hertford) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 256)

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EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 8 – SAWBRIDGEWORTH: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 8 – Sawbridgeworth: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 8 (Sawbridgeworth) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 256)

227 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 9 –
WARE: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING
PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 9 – Ware: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED - that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 9 (Ware) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 256)

228 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 11 –
EAST OF WELWYN GARDEN CITY: RESPONSE TO
ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS
CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 11 – East of Welwyn Garden City: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 11 (East of Welwyn Garden City) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 256)

229 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 12 –
GILSTON AREA: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING
PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 12 – Gilston Area: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 12 (Gilston Area) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 256)

230 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 14 –
EMPLOYMENT: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING
PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION, FURTHER
AMENDMENTS AND DRAFT REVISED CHAPTER
(RENAMED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 14 – Employment: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation, Further Amendments and Draft Revised Chapter (Renamed Economic Development).

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 14 (Economy) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at

Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered;

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be agreed;

(C) the further amendments in respect of Chapter 14 (Economy) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(D) the draft revised Chapter 14 (Economic Development), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'C' to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 256)

**231 EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 18 –
COMMUNITY FACILITIES, LEISURE AND RECREATION:
RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED
OPTIONS CONSULTATION, FURTHER AMENDMENTS
AND DRAFT REVISED CHAPTER**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, on Chapter 18 – Community Facilities, Leisure and Recreation: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation, Further Amendments and Draft Revised Chapter.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 18 (Community Facilities, Leisure and Recreation) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted , be received and considered;

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be agreed;

(C) the further amendments in respect of Chapter 18 (Community Facilities, Leisure and Recreation) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(D) the draft revised Chapter 18 (Community Facilities, Leisure and Recreation), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'C' to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 256)

232 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – NEW DRAFT CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on New Draft Chapter 1 – Introduction.

RECOMMENDED – that the draft revised Chapter 1 (Introduction), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 257)

233 **EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN – NEW DRAFT CHAPTER 2 – VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

The Executive considered and supported the

recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on New Draft Chapter 2 – Vision and Strategic Objectives.

RECOMMENDED – that the draft revised Chapter 2 (Vision and Strategic Objectives), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 257)

234 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 3 – DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on Chapter 3 – Development Strategy: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED - that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 3 (Development Strategy) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 257)

235 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 4 – GREEN BELT AND RURAL AREA BEYOND THE GREEN BELT: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the

recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on Chapter 4 – Green Belt and Rural Area Beyond the Green Belt: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 4 (Green Belt and Rural Area Beyond the Green Belt) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 257)

236 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 6 – BUNTINGFORD: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on Chapter 6 – Buntingford: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 6 (Buntingford) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed.

(see also Minute 257)

237 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN –
SAWBRIDGEWORTH – SETTLEMENT APPRAISAL AND
NEW DRAFT CHAPTER 8**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on Sawbridgeworth – Settlement Appraisal and New Draft Chapter 8.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the Sawbridgeworth Settlement Appraisal as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed; and

(B) the draft revised Chapter 8 (Sawbridgeworth), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘C’ to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 257)

238 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – WARE –
SETTLEMENT APPRAISAL AND NEW DRAFT CHAPTER 9**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on Ware – Settlement Appraisal and New Draft Chapter 9.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the Ware Settlement Appraisal as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed; and

(B) the draft revised Chapter 9 (Ware), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘C’ to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is

presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 257)

239 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – EAST OF
WELWYN GARDEN CITY – SETTLEMENT APPRAISAL
AND NEW DRAFT CHAPTER 13**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on East of Welwyn Garden City – Settlement Appraisal and New Draft Chapter 13.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the East of Welwyn Garden City Settlement Appraisal as detailed at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to the report submitted, be agreed; and

(B) the draft revised Chapter 13 (East of Welwyn Garden City), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘C’ to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 257)

240 **EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 13 –
HOUSING: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING
PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION AND DRAFT
REVISED CHAPTER (RENUMBERED CHAPTER 14)**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on Chapter 13 – Housing: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation and Draft Revised Chapter (Renumbered Chapter 14).

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 13 (Housing) of the Draft District

Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered;

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be agreed;

(C) the further amendments in respect of Chapter 13 (Housing) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(D) the draft revised Chapter 14 (Housing), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'C' to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 257)

241 EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 25 – DELIVERY: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION, FURTHER AMENDMENTS AND DRAFT REVISED CHAPTER (RENAMED DELIVERY AND MONITORING)

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on Chapter 25 – Delivery: Response to Issues Raised During Preferred Options Consultation, Further Amendments and Draft Revised Chapter (Renamed Delivery and Monitoring).

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapter 25 (Delivery) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered;

(B) the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be agreed;

(C) the further amendments in respect of Chapter 25 (Delivery) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to the report submitted, be received and considered; and

(D) the draft revised Chapter 25 (Delivery and Monitoring), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'C' to the report submitted, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

(see also Minute 257)

242 **STRATEGIC LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT, AUGUST 2016**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on the Strategic Land Availability Assessment, August 2016.

RECOMMENDED – that the Strategic Land Availability Assessment, August 2016, be supported as part of the evidence base to inform and support the East Herts District Plan.

(see also Minute 257)

243 **FINAL VILLAGE HIERARCHY STUDY AUGUST 2016**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on the Final Village Hierarchy Study, August 2016.

RECOMMENDED – that the Final Village Hierarchy

Study August 2016, be supported as part of the evidence base to inform and support the East Herts District Plan.

(see also Minute 257)

244 DUTY TO CO-OPERATE UPDATE REPORT

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, on the Duty to Co-operate Update Report.

RECOMMENDED – that the notes of the Member-level meetings held with neighbouring local authorities be noted.

(see also Minute 257)

245 HERTINGFORDBURY CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Executive Member for Development Management and Council Support submitted a report on the Hertingfordbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan following further public consultation and reconsideration.

The Executive had considered this matter at its meeting held on 4 February 2014. However, outstanding issues relating to boundary revisions and the considerable time lapse had resulted in a further public consultation, which was detailed in the report now submitted,

The Executive supported the proposals as now detailed.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the responses to the further public consultation be noted and the Officer responses and proposed changes to the Hertingfordbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be supported;

(B) authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Executive Member for Development Management and Council Support, to make any further minor and consequential changes to the document which may be necessary; and

(C) the Hertingfordbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be adopted.

246 **FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2016/17 - 2020/21**

The Executive Member for Finance and Support Services submitted a report on revisions to the Financial Strategy for the years 2016/17 - 2020/21. This included the policy on reserves and the proposed planning assumptions to be used to update the Medium Term Financial Plan in preparation for annual budget setting.

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 30 August 2016, had expressed its support for the proposals without amendment.

The Executive supported the recommendations as now detailed.

RECOMMENDATIONS – that (A) the comments of Corporate Business Scrutiny be received;

(B) the proposed Financial Strategy be adopted; and

(C) the planning assumptions set out in this report be adopted by the Council as the basis for framing the 2016/17 budget and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2020/21.

247 **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader welcomed Members, Officers and the public and reminded everyone that the meeting was being webcast.

The Leader referred to the recent murder of Arkadiusz Joswik in Harlow, Essex, and quoted the statement made by Councillor Jon Clempner, Leader of Harlow Council. His statement spoke of the shock of the meaningless attack and the expectation that the communities of Harlow would stand together. The Leader believed that the communities of East Herts would share these sentiments.

248 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 19 July 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

249 CORPORATE ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Executive Member for Finance and Support Services submitted a report on the Council's Annual Report 2015/16. This documented the Council's key achievements in each of the corporate priorities over the previous year and gave an overview of performance.

The Executive approved the recommendation now detailed.

RESOLVED - that the 2015/16 Annual Report be approved.

250 HERTFORD URBAN DESIGN STRATEGY – REQUEST FOR CAPITAL FUNDING

The Hertford Urban Design Strategy, which had been adopted by East Herts Council in May 2016, set out a vision for the town centre and addressed the key issues of movement, design and public realm. A member steering group comprising councillors from Hertfordshire County Council, East Herts Council and Hertford Town Council had been established to implement or support the implementation of the recommendations. The Leader of the Council submitted a report detailing the first significant step forward in implementation, which addressed key improvements to The Wash, Maidenhead Street and Bull Plain, Hertford.

The Head of Planning and Building Control gave a brief presentation on the proposals. The Chief Executive provided an update on the funding arrangements.

The Executive noted that the Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 30 August 2016, had supported the proposals with a slightly amended recommendation. This was supported by the Executive.

The Executive approved the recommendation as now amended.

RESOLVED - that East Herts Council commits up to a maximum of 50% of the £1m required to implement key improvements to The Wash, Maidenhead Street and Bull Plain Hertford, as detailed in the Hertford Urban Design Strategy, subject to other partners coming on board.

251 HERTS HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY PROPOSAL

The Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing submitted a report on a proposal to establish a county-wide Home Improvement Agency (HIA) to help elderly and vulnerable persons to remain living independently at home. The initial focus would be the provision of statutory Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs), but in future, the HIA could provide handyperson schemes and promote measures to tackle fuel poverty and the like.

East Herts Council had been working with other Hertfordshire Districts and the County Council on a business case for a shared service with the aim of providing a consistent, high quality service that had the potential for financial efficiencies. All participating Authorities were now being asked to confirm their commitment to participate in a shared service to enable detailed implementation plans to be devised with a view to the service 'going live' in 2017/18.

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 30 August 2016, had expressed its support for the

proposal.

The Executive approved the recommendations as now detailed.

RESOLVED - that (A) the comments of Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee be received;

(B) the proposal that East Herts Council becomes a partner in the Hertfordshire Home Improvement Agency (HIA) be approved;

(C) using the Council's revenue and capital budgets allocated to processing and paying for Disabled Facilities Grants for 2017/18 onwards to fund East Herts' contributions to the shared Home Improvement Service be approved;

(D) the Head of Housing and Health be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, to contribute to and agree the detailed arrangements to establish the HIA; and

(E) the Head of Housing and Health be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, to amend the Council's Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy to accommodate the new arrangements.

252 PROPOSED USE OF ARTICLE 4 DIRECTIONS

The Executive Member for Development Management and Council Support submitted a report on the principle of introducing Directions restricting permitted development (commonly referred to as Article 4 Directions) relating to permitted development rights in conservation areas. She proposed a trial introduction as detailed in the report now submitted.

The Executive approved the recommendations as now detailed,

RESOLVED - that (A) the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Executive Member for Development Management and Council Support and local Ward Members as appropriate, be authorised to introduce an immediate trial Article 4 Direction; and

(B) a report on the trial, as authorised, be brought back to the Executive to enable decisions to be made with regard to any future Article 4 Directions.

253 LITTLE HADHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION

The Executive gave consideration to a report detailing an application by Little Hadham Parish Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, as detailed on the plan attached to the report submitted.

The Executive considered the application and the consultation undertaken, including the comments on the proposed neighbourhood boundary that had been submitted. The report submitted detailed the main areas of consideration in determining the application in accordance with Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Executive Member for Finance and Support Services, speaking as the local ward Member, expressed support for the proposal.

The Executive supported the application.

RESOLVED - that the application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, submitted by Little Hadham Parish Council, be supported.

254 2015-16 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Executive considered the 2015/16 Annual Governance Statement and the 2016/17 Action Plan. The Audit Committee, at its meeting to be held on 21 September 2016, would be asked to approve these documents and the

Executive and Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee had been invited to comment.

The Executive supported the documents going forward to the Audit Committee.

RESOLVED - that Audit and Governance Committee be advised that the Executive supports the proposed 2015-16 Annual Governance Statement and Action Plan.

255 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1
(JUNE 2016)

The Executive considered a quarterly report on finance, performance and strategic risk monitoring for East Herts Council for 2016/17. The Executive Member for Finance and Support Services drew attention to the strategic risk register which had been tabled at the meeting.

The Executive approved the recommendations now detailed.

RESOLVED - that (A) the revenue budget forecast underspend of £424k be noted;

(B) the capital budget forecast underspend of £752k be noted;

(C) the reported performance for the period April 2016 to July 2016 be noted; and

(D) the risk controls and addition to the Strategic Risk Register be approved.

256 DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL: MINUTES - 21
JULY 2016

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 21 July 2016, be received.

(see also Minutes 221 – 231)

257 DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL: MINUTES - 25 AUGUST 2016

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 25 August 2016, be received.

(see also Minutes 232 – 244)

258 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of Minute 259 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

259 SALE OF LAND AT AUBRIES, WALKERN

The Executive Member for Finance and Support Services submitted a report seeking approval to the sale of an area of land of approximately 100 square metres at Aubries, Walkern on the terms detailed in the report.

The Executive approved the proposal as now detailed.

RESOLVED - that the land at Aubries, Walkern, be sold on the terms negotiated as detailed in the report.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm

Chairman
Date