

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 16 MAY 2018

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE REPORT – 24 APRIL 2018

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report details the recommendations made by the Executive at its last meeting held on 24 April 2018.

1.0 Background

1.1 At its last meeting the Executive considered and supported a number of recommendations on the following items:

- Community Governance Review of Bishop's Stortford Town Council
- Community Governance Review of Buntingford Town Council
- Community Governance Review of Eastwick & Gilston Parish Council
- Ardeley Parish Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan incorporating the three Conservation Areas of Ardeley, Moor Green and Wood End
- Old River Lane Resources

**2.0 Community Governance Reviews:
Bishop’s Stortford Town Council
Buntingford Town Council
Eastwick & Gilston Parish Council**

2.1 The Executive considered three reports detailing the responses received during the initial consultation period for the Community Governance Reviews, together with the comments of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2.2 Fully updated reports outlining the Executive’s comments and recommendations for Council to consider are set out at **Agenda Items 10a – 10c.**

3.0 Ardeley Parish Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan incorporating the three Conservation Areas of Ardeley, Moor Green and Wood End

3.1 The Executive considered a report on the Ardeley Parish Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans incorporating the three conservation areas of Ardeley, Moor Green and Wood End, which detailed the outcome of the further consultations that had taken place. The full report can be viewed at: [Executive Agenda 24 April 2018](#)

3.2 The Executive supported the recommendations, as now detailed, in order to support the continuing good work in protecting the special local character of these areas. Council is asked to approve the recommendations.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL:</u> that:	
(A)	the responses to the public consultation be noted and the Officer responses and proposed changes to the Ardeley Parish Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans 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 Ardeley Parish Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans incorporating the three conservation areas of Ardeley, Moor Green and Wood End be adopted.

4.0 **Old River Lane Resources**

- 4.1 The Executive considered a request for additional resources to support the Old River Lane project. The Executive noted the progress of the project and the key activities in the next phase, whereby an additional project manager on a three year fixed term contract was needed. In addition, specialist legal support to ensure effective delivery would also be required. The full report can be viewed at: [Executive Agenda 24 April 2018](#)
- 4.2 The Executive supported the recommendations as now detailed, in order that this significant project can be progressed. Council is asked to approve the recommendations.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL:</u> that:	
(A)	up to £161,893 from the Priority Spend Reserve is allocated for recruiting a project manager on a 3 year fixed term contract (subject to the outcome of the Northgate End planning application) for the Old River Lane Project; and
(B)	up to £100,000 from the Priority Spend Reserve is allocated for any ancillary legal costs for Old River Lane.

5.0 **Executive Decisions**

5.1 Other matters determined by the Executive are detailed in the draft Minutes of the meeting included on the agenda for information at **Essential reference Paper A**.

Background Papers

The full agenda for the Executive meeting can be viewed at:
[Executive Agenda 24 April 2018](#)

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