## **EXECUTIVE MEETING ON 24 NOVEMBER 2020**



## **DECISION SHEET**

Record of decisions made by the Executive pursuant to Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

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<sup>\*</sup> Executive decisions will not be implemented until the expiry of 5 working days to take account of the Call-In procedure.

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| 6   | Review of Outcomes of the Parking Task and Finish Group | (A) the findings of<br>the review of the<br>parking task and<br>finish group | In line with the Constitution, the Executive is required to consider reports from | Alternative options would be to consider implementing all           |   |

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|     |             | recommendations be received and considered.  (B) To approve the cessation of the following recommendations within the Parking Task and Finish group report:  a.Recommendation 3: improve the accessibility and availability of short stay parking including an increase to the | the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and/or Audit and Governance Committee. At the meeting of the Executive 11 February 2020 it was approved that a review of the recommendations will be provided to the Executive. | recommendations of the parking task and finish group without reviewing the updated recommendations in the context of changes in parking behaviour, the new corporate plan and pressure on budgets |   |

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|     |             | number of limited waiting, free bays where possible, throughout the town.  b.Recommendation 10: Support Watton at Stone Parish council in lobbying for an increase in the number of parking spaces in the station car park.  c. Recommendation |                          |   |   |
|     |             | 17: The Council to challenge station car park operators to   |                          |   |   |

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|     |             | reduce their charges<br>to reflect closer to the<br>all-day charge in East<br>Herts Town Centre<br>station car parks.                  |                          |   |   |
|     |             | (C) To approve the following recommendations for deferral:   |                          |   |   |
|     |             | <ul><li>a. Recommendations</li><li>1: Design and implement measures to encourage rail commuters to park in station car parks</li></ul> |                          |   |   |

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|     |             | b.Recommendation 16: Revise the designation of Council owned car parks  (D) To note that the following recommendations will be incorporated in service plans for officers to monitor, reporting periodically to the portfolio holder for parking:  a.Recommendation 2: |                          |   |   |

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|     |             | Revise the designation of Council owned car parks b.Recommendation 6: Review Blue Badge provision in Councilowned car parks c.Recommendation 9: Implement a permit parking scheme for Town Centre workers d.Recommendation 11: Lobby for improved cycle parking facilities and improved public transport |                          |   |   |

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|     |   | e.Recommendation 13: Establish EV charging bays in EHDC car parks f.Recommendation 15: Implementing and lobbying for sustainability improvements including solar canopies, on-street EV charging and car clubs. |  |   |   |
| 7   | Shared Waste<br>Service –<br>Alignment of<br>Commercial Waste | (A) To agree to the alignment in pricing and a common pricing structure for   | To create efficiencies within the shared waste service by aligning elements of waste and | None  |   |

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|     | and Recycling<br>Services | the shared waste service, for residual commercial and chargeable household waste; within the 2020-21 financial year.  (B) To agree to the introduction of charges for recyclable commercial and recyclable chargeable household waste in line with existing shared waste service charging; within the 2020-21 financial | recycling services with North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC), in particular, in relation to pricing for services whereby the contract pricing allows this |   |   |

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|     |             | year;  (B) To agree to a new pricing structure for chargeable household bulky waste collections; within the 2020-21 financial year;  (C) To agree to the introduction of event waste management charges to align procedures in the shared service; within the 2020-21 financial year; |                          |   |   |

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|     |                                  | (D) To agree to the introduction of new procedures for the management of flytipping, residual waste and recycling at flats to align procedures and charging within the shared service; within the 2020-21 financial year; |   |   |   |
| 8   | Garden Waste<br>Service - Policy | To approve the key principles of a chargeable garden  | To approve the key policies, principles and service standards for the | The cessation of the organic waste collection service               |   |

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|     |   | waste scheme as highlighted in paragraph 1 for the purpose of public consultation prior to a decision on implementation by Council | charged garden waste<br>service that was<br>approved by Council on<br>29 January 2020 as part<br>of the council's Medium<br>Term Financial Plan . | only; was considered in order to meet the budget position for 2021/22, however this is not recommended due to the additional burden this is likely to have on residual waste collections and Household Waste Recycling Centres |   |
| 9   | Gilston Area<br>Community<br>Engagement | (A) That the Gilston<br>Area Community<br>Engagement Strategy  |   | The Council could decide not to approve the  |   |

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|     | Strategy    | is approved as a material consideration in the production of planning policy/guidance documents and the processing of planning applications associated with the Gilston Area.  (B) That the Gilston Area Community Engagement Strategy is published alongside the other planning guidance |                          | strategy as a material consideration when producing policy/guidance and determining planning applications associated with the Gilston Area. The GACES would be used as a guidance tool for officers looking to advise applicants and other stakeholders on how engagement should |   |

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|     |             | documents that support implementation of the District Plan. |                          | This is not the preferred option as it could undermine the value and status of the strategy. This would compromise the LPA's ability to insist that the guidance is followed and ultimately undermine the quality and consistency of engagement |   |

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|     |                               |  |  | undertaken with the community  |   |
| 10  | Hertfordshire<br>Growth Board | (A) Notes the content of this report and attached joint cover report at Appendix A: "Hertfordshire Growth Board Integrated Governance Framework";  (B) Agrees to recommend to Council endorsement of the establishment | To provide longer term joint place leadership. | To not agree to the setting up of the Hertfordshire Growth Board Joint Committee and Hertfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Joint Committee. This option is not recommended as it would place East Herts Council at odds with partners and may affect |   |

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|     |             | of the Hertfordshire Growth Board Joint Committee and Hertfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Joint Committee as Joint Committees  (C) Nominates the Leader as the Council's representative on the Hertfordshire Growth Board Joint Committee, should Council endorse the establishment of the joint committee and |                          | government funding to Hertfordshire for strategic schemes within its terms of reference |   |

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|     |   | the council's membership, with delegated authority to appoint a substitute representative as required.   |   |   |   |
| 11  | European Regional<br>Development<br>Fund (ERDF)<br>Programme -<br>Launchpad 2 | That, subject to the outcome of a procurement process for awarding a contract for business support, the ERDF-supported Launchpad 2 project proceeds. | Executive approved submitting a bid for ERDF funds in 2019 but have received no further update on progress since that time. As the bid was approved and the project governance arrangements are now in place we are in a position | Executive could decide to not support the project.                  |   |

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|     |   |   | to launch the project.   |   |   |
| 12  | Budget 2021/22<br>and Medium Term<br>Financial Plan<br>2021 – 2024<br>Proposals | (A) Confirm the savings proposals, after consideration of the comments from Audit and Governance Committee, to be taken forward, subject to detailed impact assessments and accepting that some may need to be reconsidered in the light of the current pandemic; |                          | The Executive tasked the Leadership Team with producing, at pace, proposals to reduce net cost to meet the reduction targets. This has been produced, at Cost Centre level, aligning with the Budget Book for every Service except for a consideration of operational |   |

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|     |             | (B) Agree, as guidance to officers, that the budget proposals should be based on a Council Tax increase of £5, general inflation assumption of up to 1% and that the provision for the national pay award will be up to 2%;  (C) Endorse the production of a phased capital programme over 5 years to better reflect |                          | efficiencies within the Strategic Finance and Property teams. As the Head of Service came into post on the 14 September 2020, it is appropriate to allow the Head of Service time to get to know the service area and then consider additional proposals in six months' time. A summary of the LT Proposals were |   |

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|     |                               | actual phasing of delivery and more realistic revenue impacts of capital financing; and  (D) Endorse the additional programme of work to transform the Council and place it on a financially sustainable footing as set out in paragraph 4.7. |   | detailed in the report.   |   |
| 13  | Quarterly<br>Corporate Budget | (A) Welcome that the net revenue  | As part of its budget monitoring process, the | None  |   |

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|     | Monitor – Quarter<br>2 September | budget 2020/21 forecast overspend at the end of quarter 2 has been contained at £168k; and  (B) Endorse the revised capital budget for 2020/21 of £70.499m, of which £20.224m is estimated to be carried forward to future years. | Council is required to produce budget monitoring reports in order to provide effective financial and performance management |   |   |