

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 18 DECEMBER 2019

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE REPORT – 3 DECEMBER 2019

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report details the recommendations made by the Executive at its meeting held on 3 December 2019.

1.0 Background

1.1 Since the last Council meeting, the Executive has considered and supported a number of recommendations on the following items:

- Council Tax Long Term Empty Homes Premiums
- Benington Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan
- Harlow and Gilston Garden Town: Stewardship Objectives and Principles

The full reports can be viewed at: [Executive agenda 3 December 2019](#) and the draft Minutes of the meeting are attached as Essential Reference Paper A.

2.0 Agenda Item 8 – Long Term Empty Homes Premiums

2.1 The Executive considered options for changes to Council Tax for long term empty homes premiums, as detailed in the report submitted to that meeting. The Executive supported a change

to a 100% premium to take effect from April 2020.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL: that:</u>	
(A)	a Council Tax premium of 100% be proposed for Long Term Empty Homes.

3.0 Agenda Item 9 - Benington Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan

3.1 The Executive considered the results of the public consultation on the Benington Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and supported recommendations on officer responses.

3.2 The Executive supported a recommendation to adopt the Benington Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, which is attached as Essential Reference Paper 'B'.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL: that:</u>	
(A)	the responses to the public consultation be noted and the Officer responses and proposed changes to the Benington Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be supported;
(B)	the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Growth, be authorised to make any further minor and consequential changes to the document which may be necessary; and
(C)	the Benington Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, set out as Essential Reference Paper , be adopted.

4.0 **Agenda Item 10 – Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Stewardship Objectives and Principles**

4.1 The Executive considered and supported recommendations on the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Stewardship Objectives and Principles at this early stage, to reflect Garden City Principles. Establishing such principles and objectives in relation to this site could also provide the basis for the application of guidelines for sites across the District.

4.2 The Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Stewardship Objectives and Principles are attached as **Essential Reference Paper ‘C’**.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL: that:	
(A)	the Stewardship objectives and principles, relating to development proposals coming forward as part of the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town, be endorsed.

5.0 Background Papers

The full reports for the Executive meeting can be viewed at:
[Executive Agenda](#)

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