

# **East Herts Council Report**

## **Council**

**Date of Meeting: 21 October 2020**

**Report by: Leader of the Council**

**Report title: Executive report 06.10.20**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **Summary**

This report details the recommendations to Council made by the Executive at its meeting on 6 October 2020. A separate report on this agenda relates to the Executive meeting held on 1 September.

### **1.0 Item considered and recommended to Council**

- 1.1 Since the last Council meeting, the Executive met on 6 October 2020. At that meeting the Executive considered and supported recommendations on the following items:
  - 1.1.1 East Herts District Plan 2018: Amendments to Policies Map
  - 1.1.2 Policies for Enforcing Standards for Private Sector Landlords
  - 1.1.3 Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22
  - 1.1.4 Use of Compulsory Purchase Powers (CPO) in the Gilston Area
- 1.2 This report sets out the recommendations for the above items.

### **2.0 East Herts District Plan 2018: Amendments to Policies Map**

- 2.1 The Executive considered a report seeking agreement to correct three inaccuracies in the adopted East Herts

District Plan Policies Map, as well as two further minor errors which were identified following publication of the papers, specifically, changing references to CFLR1 rather than CLFR1 throughout, and changing references to “St.Thomas’ burial ground” to “Perry Green burial ground”. The Executive agreed to support these amendments in addition to those identified in the appendix to the report. The full report can be viewed at the link to the meeting, given at the end of this report. The updated appendix includes all corrections and is attached as Appendix B. The recommendation as outlined below was supported by the Executive.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

- (a) That the amendments at Appendix B be noted and approved to form part of the adopted East Herts District Plan 2018 Policies Map.**

### **3.0 Policies for Enforcing Standards for Private Sector Landlords**

- 3.1 The Executive considered a report on proposed new policies relating to housing standards enforcement and the adoption of the powers introduced in the Housing and Planning Act 2016. The Executive agreed to support adoption of the policies which are attached as Appendix C. The full report can be viewed via the link to the meeting, given at the end of this report. The recommendation as outlined below was supported by the Executive.

## **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**(a) That the proposed new policies attached as Appendix C relating to housing standards enforcement using powers introduced in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 be adopted by the Council:**

- i. Issuing of Civil Penalties;**
- ii. Applications for Rent Repayment Orders;**
- iii. Applications for Banning Orders; and**
- iv. Use of the Rogue Landlords and Property Agents Database.**

### **4.0 Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22**

4.1 The Executive considered a report on continuation of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme, for 2021/22. The report setting out the provisions of the current scheme may be viewed via the link to the [Executive meeting](#). The Executive supported the recommendation as set out below.

## **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**(a) To continue the current local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2021/22.**

## **5.0 Use of Compulsory Purchase Powers (CPO) in the Gilston Area**

5.1 The Executive considered a report seeking in principle agreement to use compulsory purchase powers in order to secure land to deliver transport infrastructure in the Gilston area, to support the delivery of the Gilston Area Allocation and the achievement of the wider strategic planning benefits referred to in the report to the Executive. The report may be viewed via the link to the Executive meeting at the foot of this report. The Executive supported the recommendations as set out below:

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:**

- (a) that, in principle, (and subject to Harlow District Council resolving to follow the same course of action) the Council be prepared to use powers available to it under section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to compulsorily purchase land in the Gilston area, as generally shown on the plans at Appendix 1 to the report to the Executive, to enable the construction of transport infrastructure to support the delivery of the Gilston Area allocation in the East Herts District Plan (The Gilston Area Allocation) and the achievement of the wider strategic planning benefits referred to in the report; and**
  
- (b) to note that Officers will undertake the work needed to prepare for a possible Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) together with the associated documentation and, if necessary, will bring a further report back to the Executive and Council seeking authority to make a CPO.**

## **6.0 Executive Decisions**

- 3.1 Other matters determined by the Executive are detailed in the Minutes of the meeting, at Appendix A to this report.

## **7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material**

- 7.1 Appendix A – Draft Minutes for the Executive meeting of 6 October 2020.
- 7.2 Appendix B – East Herts Local Plan 2018 – Amendments to Policies Map
- 7.3 Appendix C – Policies for Enforcing Standards for Private Sector Landlords
- 7.4 Full reports on the above items and on other matters considered may be viewed at [Executive 06.10.20](#).

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