

## Council

**Date of Meeting:** 1 March 2022

**Report by:** Councillor Linda Haysey, Leader of the Council

**Report title:** Executive Report – 8 February 2022

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### Summary

- This report details the recommendations to Council made by the Executive at its meeting on 8 February 2022.

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

1.1 Since the last Council meeting, the Executive met on 8 February 2022. At that meeting the Executive considered and supported a number of recommendations for Council on the following items:

- 1.1.1 Annual Treasury Management Report 2020/21
- 1.1.2 Treasury Management 2021/22 Mid-Year Review
- 1.1.3 External Audit National Procurement Opt In
- 1.1.4 Corporate Plan Refresh 2022/23
- 1.1.5 Parks and Open Spaces Strategy
- 1.1.6 Updated Masterplan for the Goods Yard
- 1.1.7 Masterplan for land north west of Buntingford

1.2 This report sets out the recommendation for the above items. The full report, including the Appendix, may be viewed via [this link](#).

1.3 The Minutes of the meeting are attached as **Appendix A**.

1.4 This report excludes items also considered by the Executive where those reports are separate agenda items on the Council agenda.

2.0 Annual Treasury Management Report 2020/21

2.1 The Executive was asked to review the Council's treasury management activities for 2020/21, including the prudential indicators and identifies the associated impact on the 2021/22 treasury management strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**(a) That the Annual Treasury Management Review and Prudential Indicators 2020/21 be approved.**

3.0 Treasury Management 2021/22 Mid-Year Review

3.1 The Executive was asked to review the Council's treasury management activities for the first six months of 2021/22 financial year, including the prudential indicators.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**(a) That the Treasury Mid-year Review and Prudential Indicators for the first 6 months of 2021/22**

4.0 External Audit National Procurement Opt In

4.1 The Executive was asked to consider the options available and put in place new arrangements in time to make the appointment of the external auditor by 31 December 2022 for the five financial years beginning April 2023. The Council can opt into the national procurement process run by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA) or undertake its own

procurement and risk no suitable firm bidding or higher audit fees than can be gained via the national procurement process.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

- a) That under Regulation 19 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015, East Hertfordshire District Council opts into the sector led body for audit appointments provided by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited.**

5.0 Corporate Plan Refresh 2022/23

- 5.1 The Executive were asked to consider to review and comment on Corporate Plan priorities ahead of them being proposed for adoption to Council alongside the 2022/23 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

- a) That the refreshed Corporate Plan 2022/23 be approved.**

6.0 Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

- 6.1 The Executive were asked to review the updated parks and open spaces strategy following the online consultation with the public and Members.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

- a) That the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy be approved.**

## 7.0 Updated Masterplan for the Goods Yard

7.1 The Executive were asked to consider the revised/refined Masterplan Document for the Goods Yard, Bishop's Stortford.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**(a) That the Refined Masterplan Document for the Goods Yard, Bishop's Stortford be agreed as a material consideration for Development Management purposes.**

## 8.0 Masterplan for land north west of Buntingford

8.1 The Executive were asked to consider the Masterplan Document for the land North West of Buntingford.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**(a) That the Land North West of Buntingford Masterplan Document be agreed as a material consideration for Development Management purposes.**

## **9.0 Executive Decisions**

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

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

10.1 Appendix A - Minutes of the Executive meeting 8 February 2022

10.2 Appendix B - Annual Treasury Management Review 2020-21

- 10.3 Appendix C - Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2021-22
- 10.4 Appendix D - External Audit National Procurement Opt in
- 10.5 Appendix E – Refreshed Corporate Plan 2022/23
- 10.6 Appendix F, Fi, Fii – Parks and Open Spaces Strategy
- 10.7 Appendix G - Updated Masterplan for the Goods Yard
- 10.8 Appendix H - Masterplan for land north west of Buntingford

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