

# CABINET Post-Decision

## Summary of the Decisions taken

**Date of Meeting** Monday, 12th October, 2020 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

**Date of Delivery to Members:** Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**Date which any call in must be received by:** Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**Implementation of decisions delayed to:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

(Other than those items marked with an asterisk (\*) which need to be implemented urgently and those items marked with a hash (#) which have been considered by scrutiny in the past 6<sup>th</sup> months and cannot be called in).

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
1.	Declarations of Interest	<p>Item 8 – HRA Asset Management Plan Update: Councillor Swindlehurst declared that he had been appointed by the Council as a member of DISH and DISH RP. He stated he would stay and vote on the item.</p> <p>Item 8 – HRA Asset Management Plan Update: Councillor Anderson declared that he had been appointed by the Council as a</p>	-	-

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		<p>member of DISH and DISH RP. Councillor Anderson stayed and voted on the item.</p> <p>Item 8 – HRA Asset Management Plan Update: Councillor Mann declared that she had been appointed by the Council as a member of DISH. Councillor Mann stayed and voted on the item.</p>		
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 2020	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 – 2023/24	<p>(a) That the updated MTFS targets for 2021/22 – 2023/24 be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the need to set a balanced budget over the whole of the MTFS period be noted.</p> <p>(c) That the issues and actions set out in the report which are informing the development of the Council's MTFS be noted.</p>	All	Resolved
4.	Community Investment Fund Update	That the expenditure to date from the Community Investment Fund 2020/21 be noted.	All	Resolved
5.	Carbon Management Plan 2020-2030	That the Carbon Management Plan 2020-2030 be approved.	All	Recommended
6.	Heart of Slough - North West Quadrant - Community Site Update	(a) That the business planning and option review executive summary appended to the report be noted,	Central	Resolved

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		<p>(b) That it be agreed that the £50,000 budget approved by Cabinet in June would be repurposed to progress feasibility studies and option appraisals associated with existing Slough Borough Council assets that have potential for enhanced cultural utility,</p> <p>(c) That it be agreed that retaining circa a sixth of the North West Quadrant site for a large cultural building was not a financial priority for the Council at this present time and officers should seek to achieve more with less through an activity led cultural investment strategy focussed on existing SBC assets; and</p> <p>(d) That it be agreed that the incorporation of Higher Education space and an innovation hub were still strategic priorities and that officers should seek their inclusion within the larger development project being promoted by North West Quadrant LLP which will now comprise the whole of the North West Quadrant site.</p>		
7.	Approval of Slough Local Plan Proposed Spatial Strategy for Public Consultation #	(a) That the Slough Local Plan Proposed Spatial Strategy Consultation Document in Appendix A be agreed.	All	Resolved

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		<p>(b) That a six week public consultation exercise should be held beginning in November 2020 be agreed.</p> <p>(c) That delegated powers be given to the Council's Planning Policy Lead Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulation, to make minor changes to the Consultation Document and proposed public consultation exercise.</p>		
8.	HRA Asset Management Strategy Update - Affordable Housing Development	<p>(a) Delegate to the Director of Finance &amp; Resources, following consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Community Safety, authority to dispose the assets listed in Appendix A, including disposals to be made at less than market value to the 'Development Initiative Slough Homes Registered Provider (DISH RP) for provision of affordable housing on the assets listed in Appendix A</p> <p>(b) Delegate to the Director of Finance &amp; Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Community Safety and with advice of the Service Lead for Housing Development &amp; Community Safety, authority to transfer and enter into leasebacks of the assets in Appendix A if such conveyancing structures facilitate the development of affordable housing</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>(c) Approve the delegation of authority to the Director of Finance &amp; Resources following consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Community Safety with advice of Service Lead for Housing Development and Contracts to consent to supporting DISH RP in provision of conditional supporting loan from the HRA, available retained 1-4-1 right to buy receipts, submit applications for and enter into grant agreements from Homes England with warranties in place acting as guardian guarantor for institutional finance. The condition is that the DISH RP delivers for the provision of affordable housing supported by localised allocation agreements.</p> <p>(d) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance &amp; Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Community Safety to make all necessary arrangements (including the entry into loan and other financing agreements) for up to £90m to be loaned to the DISH RP over the next 5 years on terms that require the DISH RP to develop and/or deliver the affordable housing as set out in appendix D.</p> <p>(e) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance &amp; Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing &amp;</p>		

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		<p>Community Safety to facilitate, by means of financial or other guarantees or such other financial or other support considered to be reasonably necessary and in the best interests of the Council, the provision of Institutional Finance arrangement to be taken out by DISH RP.</p> <p>(f) Note the annual update to the HRA Asset Management Strategy in Appendix B, noting the update is part of the Housing Strategy. Cabinet further delegates authority to the Director of Place &amp; Development with advice from the Service Lead for Housing Development and Contracts following consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Community Safety to implement and deliver the strategy.</p> <p>(g) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance &amp; Resources following consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Community Safety with advice of Service Lead for Housing Development and Contracts to procure, or use of available framework if established if better value for money services that will achieve; a detailed survey of Asbestos, establish Carbon neutral and building safety act initiatives, investment required to achieve compliance to meet regulatory and statutory standards.</p>		

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		<p>That HRA Capital funding for 2020/21 has identified capacity to assign a budget of £1.8m for the required range of detailed surveys.</p> <p>(h) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance &amp; Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Community Safety to seek consent from the Secretary of State to transfer by appropriate leaseback arrangements with DISH RP the properties identified by postcode in Appendix C by the Asset Performance Evaluation those properties identified as requiring a level of investment for repair and compliance with regulation that are or shall be a burden to the HRA, will be presented with individual business cases to the Section 151 Officer for approval.</p>		
9.	Covid-19 Decisions Update	That the Significant Decisions as set out in Appendix A to the report be endorsed.	All	Resolved
10.	References from Overview & Scrutiny #	<p>That the recommendations of the Food Poverty Task &amp; Finish Group be welcomed.</p> <p>The Cabinet accepted recommendations 1,2, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 12 and agreed that further work should be carried out to establish how to take forward the other recommendations where there were more significant financial and service implications.</p>	All	Resolved

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11.	Notification of Key Decisions	That the published Notification of Key Decisions be endorsed.	All	Resolved