

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISIONS

Date/Time of Meeting	In attendance	Also in attendance	Apologies	Declarations of Interest		
				Executive	Other	Officers
12 th April 2017 From 6.30 pm to 7.50 pm	Councillor Russell Roberts (Leader) Councillor Lloyd Bunday (Deputy Leader) Councillor James Burton (Housing) Councillor Mark Dearing (Regeneration) Councillor David Howes (Rural) Councillor Ian Jelley (Strategic Delivery) Councillor Mark Rowley (Environment) Councillor Lesley Thurland (Finance)	Councillor Maggie Don Councillor Clark Mitchell Councillor Mick Scrimshaw Councillor Anne Lee	Councillor Jan Smith (Community & Leisure)	Councillor Lloyd Bunday (personal interest) Councillor Lesley Thurland (personal interest) Councillor James Burton (personal interest) Councillor David Howes (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest)	None	None

IMPORTANT NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: Decisions will become effective after 5.30 pm on Wednesday, 26th April 2017 unless a request to call-in the decision has been made by then. Urgent items are exempt from call-in.

The draft minutes of the above meeting are available on the Council's website at www.kettering.gov.uk as soon as is reasonably practicable after the meeting.

Prior to commencement of the meeting, a minute's silence was held in memory of former Councillor David Bishop and former Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Derek Zanger, who had both died recently.

The Chair advised the Executive that Item 15 (Work Programme Ref. No. A16/011) had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	MINUTES
16.EX.74	-	3	
RESOLVED		that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 th February 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	LOCAL POLLINATOR STRATEGY
16.EX.75	-	6	
SPEAKERS			
RESOLVED		<p>That</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Local Pollinator Strategy be approved; (ii) an online toolkit be introduced; (iii) the strategy be reviewed annually through the Monitoring and Audit Committee; (iv) the strategy be embedded, wherever possible, within the planning system at Kettering Borough Council; (v) information cards be produced with packets of seeds attached, themed on Kettering Borough Council's pollinator strategy; and (vi) any costs associated with (v) above should be contained within existing budgets. 	
REASONS		To ensure that where possible pollinators are considered in decision-making processes and land management.	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME
16.EX.76	-	9	
RESOLVED			The Council's Draft Work Programme to be published on 25 th April 2017 was noted

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	MAINTAINING A DURABLE BUDGET
16.EX.77	A16/040	10	
SPEAKERS		Councillor Mick Scrimshaw	
RESOLVED		<p>That:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and associated guiding principles be noted; (ii) the key updates made in the Budget 2017 and the continued uncertainty this brings to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted, especially in relation to potential changes to local government funding; (iii) it be noted that the Council will be responding to the Government's formal consultation on '100% Business Rates Retention Scheme'; and (iv) the Government's timetable for implementing '100% Business Rates Retention Scheme' be noted. 	
REASONS		To consider the implications of the Government's March Budget announcement and keep Members updated on consultations relating to the implementation of '100% Business Rates Retention Scheme'.	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None.	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL
16.EX.78	A16/038	11	
SPEAKERS		Kirsty Woods (Kettering MIND) Councillor Mick Scrimshaw Mr Mark Ingram Councillor Anne Lee	
RESOLVED		That:- (i) the work-streams set out in the report be endorsed; and (ii) the Partnership Agreement be approved.	
REASONS		The work streams support the Council's overall objectives of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships of scope which join up and improve service delivery for local people • Projects which generate an income for the Council or which provide additional capacity for existing service areas • Provide help and support for vulnerable groups • Support the town centre as a venue for public service delivery 	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	TOWN CENTRE DELIVERY PLAN
16.EX.79	A16/029	12	
SPEAKERS			Councillor Mick Scrimshaw Councillor Anne Lee
RESOLVED			That:- (i) the proposals in the report be endorsed; and (ii) an engagement and consultation programme be embarked upon for a new Kettering town centre delivery plan, centred around the themes set out in the report (para. 2.5), with frequent reports back to the Executive on progress made.
REASONS			The delivery plan will shape policy and priorities as they affect the town centre up until 2025.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED			None

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2017-2022
16.EX.80	A16/024	13	
SPEAKERS		Councillor Mick Scrimshaw	
RESOLVED		<p>That:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the Property Investment Strategy be approved b) That the Executive delegate responsibility to the S151 officer to purchase assets within the approved capital budget, subject to the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquisition costs from £250,000 up to £3 million, delegation to the S151 Officer in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder. ▪ Acquisition costs from £3 to £10 million, delegation to the S151 Officer in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder and Leader of the Council. ▪ Acquisition costs from £10 to £20 million, delegation to the S151 Officer in consultation with the Asset Management Board. ▪ Acquisition costs above £20 million would be outside the budgetary framework and would be determined by Executive and/or Council. ▪ 	
REASONS		<p>The key objectives of the Strategy are to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire properties that provide long term investment in accordance with the Councils corporate and financial objectives, • Maximise return whilst minimising risk through the management processes as outlined in this strategy, • Prioritise properties that yield optimal rental growth and stable income, • Protect capital invested in acquired properties, • Develop a governance framework that enables the Council to move at a timely pace in line with the market. • Build a balanced property investment portfolio 	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	6 STATION ROAD, KETTERING (PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY) <i>(Having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item, Councillor David Howes left the meeting room during discussion and voting thereon)</i>
16.EX.81	A16/041	14	
SPEAKERS		None	
RESOLVED		That:- (i) the freehold interest at 6 Station Road be sold for £375,000; and (ii) authority be delegated to the Head of Democratic and Legal Services to conclude the sale of 6 Station Road, Kettering.	
REASONS		Members have indicated they wish to use the growth agenda to leverage three key interrelated ambitions for the Borough, namely:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A better offer for our town centres • A better education and training offer • A better employment offer – high grade, higher density jobs 	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		To lease the asset.	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	GATING ORDER MADE UNDER THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER LEGISLATION
16.EX.82	A16/045	16	
SPEAKERS		Councillor Maggie Don	
RESOLVED		<p>That:-</p> <p>(i) the gating of the alleyway between Wood Street and Havelock Street, as set out in the draft Order and map attached to the report, be approved; and</p> <p>(ii) delegated authority for the making of future gating orders under the provisions of a Public Space Protection Order be granted to the Head of Public Services.</p>	
REASONS		<p>The decision is in line with the Council's commitments.</p> <p>One of the authority's priorities is a commitment to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime.</p>	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	MERGER OF TRESHAM AND BEDFORD FE COLLEGES
16.EX.83	A16/045	17	
SPEAKERS		None	
RESOLVED		That the Executive agree to the draft responses to the questions contained in the consultation document, as set out in the report; and gives its overall support for the merger of Bedford and Tresham Colleges.	
REASONS		<p>The Council's headline economic regeneration policy objectives are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better town centres • Higher grade, higher density jobs • A better education offer 	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY
16.EX.84	A16/042	18	
SPEAKERS		None	
RECOMMENDED		That the Whistleblowing Policy be approved and recommended to Full Council for adoption as part of the Constitution.	
REASONS		The revised Whistleblowing policy reflects the current legal position and forms part of the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements.	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None	