ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION NOTICES FROM THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2017

REF NO.	DECISION
C/016/161017	Revenue and Capital Outturn Expenditure 2016/17
C/017/161017	Financial Prospects 2017/18
C/018/161017	West Sussex Council's 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot
C/019/161017	Local Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme to Provide Revaluation support to Arun Businesses
C/020/161017	Consultation Response – A27 Trunk Road Improvements at Arundel [not subject to Call-In]
C/021/161017	Agency Agreement Relating to Civil Parking Enforcement and Tender for Labour Only
C/022/161017	Authority to make the post of Housing Fraud Investigator permanent
C/023/161017	Funding for the Provision of Self-Contained Temporary Accommodation
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C/026/161017	Establishment of Advisory Groups to assist with Delivery of Large Scale Developments
C/027/161017	Update on the Council's 2020 Vision – Working Together for a Better Future

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DECISIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2017 UNLESS THE CALL-IN PROCESS IS APPLIED

REFERENCE NO: C/016/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION	YES	
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11	NO	
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES		
SUBJECT: Revenue and Capital Outturn Expenditure 2016/17	,	
OFFICER CONTACT: Alan Peach, Group Head of Corporate Support		
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This report provides a summary of revenue and capital outturn expenditure for 2016/17 and compares this expenditure with the approved budget.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet,

RESOLVED - That

- (1) the attached outturn report in appendix 1 be considered;
- (2) the revenue and capital outturn expenditure and earmarked reserve transactions for 2016/17 be noted;
- (3) the level of balances and unused S.106 sums at 31 March 2017 be approved; and
- (4) the £1.547m contribution to the Littlehampton Leisure Centre earmarked reserve be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To ensure that Members are fully aware of the Council's outturn for 2016/17; and the level of reserves at 31 March 2017, which will be available for use in future years.

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A	CABINET	MEMBER
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED :	None	
MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:		
DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET	None	
CABINET MEMBER(S):		
OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: N/A		
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REFERENCE NO: C/017/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION		YES	
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDA	NCE WITH RULE 14.11	NO	
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE F	RULES		
SUBJECT: Financial Prospects 2017	7/18		
OFFICER CONTACT: Alan Peach, Group Head of Corporate Support			
Extn: 37558 e.	mail: alan.peach@arun	.aov.uk	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) covering the period up to 2022/23 rolls forward the data in the existing approved MTFS. The strategy amends certain assumptions contained in it to reflect changes in the Council's circumstances and other issues that have a strategic bearing on the Council's financial prospects.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet

RESOLVED - That

- (1) the core assumptions set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the current financial position be agreed;
- (2) the significant risks to local government finance that have been clearly outlined in the report be noted and agreed; and
- (3) the Medium Term Financial Strategy is to be used to set the Budgetary framework in preparing the 2018/19 budget.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To formulate the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and set the financial context and framework for decisions to be taken by the Council.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: To not accept the assumptions outlined in the strategy.

CABINET MEMBER(S):		
DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET	None	
MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:		
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED :	None	
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A	CARINET	MEMBE

REFERENCE NO: C/018/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION	YES
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11	NO
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES	

SUBJECT: West Sussex 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot 2018/19

OFFICER CONTACT: Alan Peach, Group Head of Corporate Support Extn: 37558 e.mail: alan.peach@arun.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Local authorities in England have been invited to participate in a second round of 100% business rate retention pilots. With this in mind West Sussex Councils (including Arun) are investigating the feasibility of a county wide business rates pilot for 2018/19.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

that the contents of this report be noted and authority be given to the Group Head of Corporate Support to enter into detailed discussions with other West Sussex Councils, and the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), concerning the feasibility of a county wide business rates pilot for 2018/19.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To obtain a clearer picture of the risks and rewards of the proposed pilot.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: Not to enter into detailed discussions with other West Sussex Councils and the DCLG. This may mean that an opportunity to retain additional funding locally is lost.

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CABINET MEMBER(S):					
DECLARATION	OF	INTEREST	RV	CARINET None	

MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:
None

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None

REFERENCE NO: C/019/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION YES **URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11** NO OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES

SUBJECT: Local Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme To Provide Revaluation Support To Arun Businesses

OFFICER CONTACT: Sue Priest, Benefits Manager

Extn: 37522 e.mail: sue.priest@arun.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This report sets out proposals for a local Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme for Arun District Council to assist businesses facing an increase in their bills for 2017/18 arising from the revaluation.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet

RESOLVED

that the new Local Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme be adopted for revaluation support as set out in the report.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To approve the design of a new local Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme for Arun District Council to assist businesses facing an increase in their bills for 2017/18 arising from the business rates revaluation.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: Target all help through a relief fund which businesses would apply for on a case by case basis. This option would be expensive to administer or give a set discount across all business within the district. This option would be easy to administer however with over 2000 businesses within the district seeing a rise in business rates the limited allocated funding would result in the fund allocation being spread very thinly.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET None MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION: **DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:** None

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER

REFERENCE NO: C/020/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION	YES
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE	YES
SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES	

SUBJECT: A27 Trunk Road Improvements At Arundel

OFFICER CONTACT: Roger Spencer, Engineering Services Manager Extn: 37812 e.mail: roger.spencer@arun.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The report highlights the options put forward by Highways England in a consultation regarding options for improvements to the Arundel section of the A27 Trunk Road and seeks authorisation to respond with a corporately preferred option.

DECISION:

Since publishing the report, the Chairman advised Cabinet that, following consultation by the Chief Executive and Group Head of Council Advice & Monitoring Officer on 13 October 2017, the Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Overview Select Committee had given their approval to this decision being classed as urgent in accordance with Decision Notice Procedure Rule 4 (Urgent Decisions) and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 13.18 and 13.19 (Call-in).

The reason for the urgency was to meet the timetable for Highways England's consultation. Their deadline for responses was 16 October (the day of this meeting) and they had given the Council an extension until 17 October to respond. If the call-in procedure was allowed, it would seriously prejudice the Council's interest in being able to formally respond to this consultation on what was such an important strategic issue for the Arun District. For this reason, both Chairmen had confirmed their approval that the call-in procedure would not apply to this decision.

As recommended in the report and as amended at the meeting, Cabinet

RESOLVED – That

the Council respond to the Public Consultation with the following principles:

- (1) The Council supports the principle of creating a bypass to dual carriageway standards for Arundel that links the A27 to the west of the White Swan Hotel with the Crossbush junction in order to improve the economic well-being of the Arundel and the region, and the social and environmental well-being of residents in Arundel and Walberton, Storrington and surrounding communities.
- (2) In pursuance of (i) above the Council supports Option 5a as set out in the Public Consultation document produced by Highways England.
- (3) The Council would urge Highways England to consider any potential revisions to the Option 5a route corridor to the North, which would further reduce the impact upon residents and the environment and continue to improve the National Strategic Road Network.
- (4) To improve accessibility to and from communities existing and proposed, south of the railway and the residential amenity of residents in Ford Road, Arundel, the Council would encourage Highways England to consider

- amending the preferred route to provide, ideally, a full junction between the A27 Bypass and Ford Road, or at least the minimum of a restricted access/egress junction.
- (5) The Council would encourage Highways England to construct any bypass and consequential bridges to the highest possible architectural standard and to take appropriate account of any potential flooding issues
- (6) The Council would encourage Highways England to support, through their 'Designated Funds', the creation of a cycleway between the South Downs National Park via Arundel and the coast along both the River Arun and Ford Road and provide improved parking for commuters, tourists and residents at Ford railway station.
- (7) The Council would encourage Highways England to consider using the port of Littlehampton and the River Arun to barge construction materials and aggregate to the construction site.
- (8) The commissioning and submission of any Local Impact Statement required as part of a formal Development Consent Order process shall be delegated to the Director of Place. The Council would support the principle of working collaboratively with West Sussex County Council, Arundel Town Council, Walberton Parish Council and the South Downs National Park Authority to submit a single Local Impact Statement on behalf of all the named authorities.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To enable a formal response to be made to Highways England's public consultation with the aim of securing an improvement to the economic well-being of the Arundel and the region.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: Not to provide a response at this point but accept that a Local Impact Statement may be required as part of any future Statutory consultation.

CABINET MEMBER(S):		
DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET	None	
MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:		
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED :	None	
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A	CABINET	MEMBER
CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None)	

REFERENCE NO: C/021/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION	YES
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11	NO
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES	
SUBJECT: Agency Agreement relating to Civil Parking Er	nforcement and

SUBJECT: Agency Agreement relating to Civil Parking Enforcement and tender for labour only contract.

OFFICER CONTACT: Calvin Bayliss, Outdoor Services Manager Extn: 37649 e.mail: calvin.bayliss@arun.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Arun District Council has a contract to act as the agent for West Sussex County Council in carrying out Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) and other associated services. This contract is due to expire on the 31st March 2018 and this report outlines the options beyond this date and by association the labour only contract for Civil Parking and Associated Services which is also due to expire on the 31st March 2018.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet

RESOLVED - That

- (1) a new Agency Agreement with West Sussex County Council would be entered into to carry out Civil Parking Enforcement and other associated services from the 1st April 2018 for an initial period of 5 years with a possible extension of 4 years;
- (2) the labour only contract which is due to expire on the 31st March 2018 and provides the Civil Enforcement Officer provision and associated parking services is re- tendered using the EU Open Tender procedure with a target commencement date of the 1st April 2018; and
- (3) the award of the Contract be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Group Head for Neighbourhood Services and the Group Head of Corporate Support.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To best serve the financial interests of Arun and provide a clear and well managed approach to Civil Parking Enforcement. **OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED:** Not to enter into an Agency Agreement with the WSCC for CPE and other associated services.

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REFERENCE NO: C/022/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION	YES			
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11	NO			
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES				
SUBJECT: Authority to make the post of Housing Francisco	ud Investigator			
permanent				
OFFICER CONTACT: Satnam Kaur, Group Head of Residential Services				
Extn: 37718 e.mail: satnam.kaur@arun.g	ov.uk			

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Following the success of a secondment to the newly created post of Housing Fraud Investigator, authority is sought to make the post permanent with effect from 1 January 2018. This is a grade S01 post.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet

RESOLVED

that the post of Housing Fraud Investigator is made permanent with effect from 1 January 2018.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: This is an ongoing and essential piece of work within Residential Services and for the reasons outlined above, it is recommended that the post of Housing Fraud Investigator be made permanent.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: Not to approve the recommendation and bring to an end the secondment to the post of Housing Fraud Investigator on the 31 December 2017.

CARINET MEMBER(S)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET None MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None

REFERENCE NO: C/023/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION YES					
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11 NO					
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES					
SUBJECT: Funding for the provision of self-contained temporary					
accommodation					
OFFICER CONTACT: Satnam Kaur, Group Head of Residential Services					
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Following a report to Cabinet on 15 June 2017 on the increase in homeless pressures in the District and the subsequent increase in the use and cost of temporary accommodation, Cabinet approved a supplementary estimate of up to £1 million for the purchase of suitable properties to be used as temporary accommodation. Once acquired, these properties will be held in the General Fund and will help to improve quality, supply and cost of temporary accommodation. A further opportunity has arisen to purchase additional homes to use as self-contained temporary accommodation. This report seeks the Cabinet's approval to an additional supplementary estimate to cover the costs of purchase.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet,

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

that an additional supplementary estimate up to £1.1 million (equivalent to a Band D Council Tax of £18.50) is approved for the purchase of temporary accommodation.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: By acquiring these properties the Council is taking steps to mitigate it's spend on bed and breakfast and will be providing temporary accommodation that is of a higher standard. The Council will effectively acquire an asset which provides flexibility in terms of future retention or disposal.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: Not to approve the recommendation. However, this will not reduce the use of Bed and Breakfast accommodation or the cost of its use to the Council.

CABINET MEMBER(S):		
DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET	None	
MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:		
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED :	None	
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A	CABINET	MEMBER
CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None	;	

REFERENCE NO: C/024/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION	YES		
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11	NO		
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES			
SUBJECT: Gigabit West Sussex Programme			
OFFICER CONTACT: Denise Vine, Group Head of Econon	ıy		
Extn: 37846 e.mail: denise.vine@arun.o	ov.uk		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This report is requesting support for West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to proceed with the procuring of external providers to supply ultrafast fibre networks to local authority sites in Worthing, Shoreham, Chichester, Bognor Regis, Horsham, Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill and Crawley through a 20 year lease agreement with a single supplier.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report and as amended at the meeting, Cabinet,

RESOLVED - That

- (1) The Council commits, subject to the necessary due diligence, the relevant sites listed in Appendix 1 to a 20 year lease of new dark fibre infrastructure, as part of a contract between West Sussex County Council and the selected supplier, taking advantage of central government gap funding, and on a cost neutral basis. Following the agreement of West Sussex County Council and the Chief Executive Forum Littlehampton will be included in the list of anchor sites covered by the wave 1 procurement.
- (2) A contract is currently in the process of being let for CCTV network services to BT Redcare. The Council, in close consultation with Sussex Police, will further investigate these new contract options in light of this Cabinet decision.
- (3) The Council will inform the Gigabit West Sussex project team of sites outside the Capita WAN which could be included in the procurement.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: This proposal will:

- Ensure the delivery of new dark fibre networks in West Sussex, including Bognor Regis
- Secure improved connectivity for Council sites at no additional cost.
- Enable £4.66m of funding from DCMS to be used to improve the West Sussex connectivity infrastructure.
- Encourage provider competition and greater supplier choice locally.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: Not to proceed with the procurement of an end to end fibre network. The Councils will lose the anticipated £4.66m funding from DCMS and will not be able to avail of an opportunity to improve existing connectivity between Council owned buildings. This is not the recommended option.

CABINET MEMBER(S):	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET	None
MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:	
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:	None

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None

REFERENCE NO: C/025/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION	YES		
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11	NO		
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES			
SUBJECT: Scrap Metal Dealers – Policy and Delegations			
OFFICER CONTACT: Sarah Meeten, Licensing Team Manager			
Extn: 37680 e.mail: sarah.meeten@arun	.gov.uk		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This report concerns the proposal to adopt a new Scrap Metal Policy following the introduction of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. The report deals with the delegation of functions, fee setting and proposed constitutional amendments.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet;

RESOLVED

that the Scrap Metal policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be adopted.

and as recommended in the report, Cabinet

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL - That

- (1) the Scheme of Delegation at Part 4, Section 3, paragraph 3.2 to add reference to the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 and to add delegation to determine all applications, renewals, transfers, variations and other matters in respect any licences, permissions, registrations and approvals in accordance with policy be amended; and
- (2) the Group Head of Council Advice & Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any further consequential changes to the Constitution.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To ensure the Council complies with the requirements of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: To not agree to the policy, delegation of functions and constitutional amendment.

| CABINET MEMBER(S): | DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET None | MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION: | DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: | None | CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER

REFERENCE NO: C/026/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION YES				
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11	NO			
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES				
SUBJECT: Establishment of Advisory Groups to assist with	the delivery of			
large scale developments				
OFFICER CONTACT: Neil Crowther, Group Head of Planning				
Extn: 37839 e.mail: neil.crowther@arun.	gov.uk			

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: It is proposed that 3 additional Advisory Groups are now established to consider the implementation of strategic development sites in Bersted, Aldwick/Pagham and Ford/Yapton & Clymping to be formed following the model of the previous groups. It is also proposed that the Fontwell and West Bank proposals be added to the terms of reference of existing groups. These Groups would meet 4-6 times a year and provide advice and guidance in respect of the issues arising out of the proposals as well as the on-going delivery in conjunction with significant highways infrastructure improvements associated with the locations.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet;

RESOLVED – That

- (1) three further Advisory Groups be established to consider the implementation of strategic development sites in Bersted, Aldwick/Pagham and Ford/Yapton & Clymping
- (2) the Terms of Reference and the membership of all the current Advisory Groups (Appendix A, B, C, D E & F to the report) be agreed.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To assist in securing the delivery of strategic developments across the district in accordance with the emerging Local Plan. **OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED:** Not to establish the groups. Decisions on infrastructure delivery and detail would be left for officers, DCC and Cabinet depending upon the issue.

CABINET MEMBER(S): DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET None MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION: DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None

REFERENCE NO: C/027/161017

FULL CABINET DECISION	YES			
URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE	WITH RULE 14.11 NO			
OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE	ES			
SUBJECT: Update on the Council's 202	20 Vision – Working Together	for a		
Better Future				
OFFICER CONTACT: Nigel Lynn, Chief Executive				
Extn: 37600	e.mail: nigel.lynn@arun.gov	<u> /.uk</u>		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This report sets outs proposals across a range of services to contribute towards the required financial savings to assist reducing the Council's continued reliance on its General Fund Balances. This report updates Members on the outcome and savings identified from Members and Officers working together over the last year or so, leading toward the 2018/19 budget that will come forward to Council in February 2018.

DECISION:

As recommended in the report, Cabinet;

RESOLVED

that Cabinet continues to support the 2020 Vision programme going forward and notes the evolution that the organisation is going through.

REASON FOR THE DECISION: To update Cabinet and Full Council on the outcome and savings leading toward the 2018/19 budget as a result of the 2020 Vision programme.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED: To advise of alternative actions.

CABINET MEMBER(S):

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET None

MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None