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EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 18 DECEMBER 2018
DECISION LIST

Agenda Item No.	Report Ref.	Item	Issue	Decision	Action by
1.	-	Public Question Time	To answer questions from members of the public.	There were no questions from members of the public.	-
2.	-	Apologies for Absence	-	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Allan, Austen, Green, Griffin-Singh, Pearson, Daniel Schumann and Webber.	-
3.	-	Declarations of Interest	To receive declarations of interests from Members in respect of any items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.	Declarations of Interests were made by the following Councillors as detailed in respect of Agenda Items: 13 & 14 – Councillors Bailey and Roberts Prejudicial Interest as Directors of ECTC.	-
4.	-	Minutes – 5 October & 23 November 2017	-	It was resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	Democratic Services Manager
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements	Announcement of items of interest.	The Chairman made the following announcements. During this season of goodwill, I am particularly pleased to have the opportunity to announce three items of good news: First and foremost, my warmest congratulations to Ely Markets on achieving national recognition and being crowned	All Members to note

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				<p>'2018 Market Team of the Year'. The award was recently presented by the National Association of British Market Authorities. The Team were complimented on providing a diverse and quality market, with strong links to the local community.</p> <p>Congratulations also to Palace Green Homes who won the Innovation Award at this year's Cambridge News and Media Property Awards, for their project at The Fledglings in Soham. The competition judges said: 'This is an innovative, locally focused, community driven scheme that delivers homes and re-invests profits for the future'.</p> <p>Also congratulations and thanks to our Communications Team who entered 'Michael Recycle' into an 'Education Campaign of the Year' award at the Chartered Institute of Public Relations awards. Michael won gold in the award, against some very strong competition and came away with a certificate, which is now taking pride of place here at The Grange.</p> <p>As you are aware, I always take the opportunity to give you the dates of forthcoming events:</p> <p>Our next business visits will be to Corkers Crisps on Friday 18 January 2019 and on Friday 1 March I have organised a tour of</p>	

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				<p>the Dojima Sake Brewery in Fordham.</p> <p>I am also pleased to give you advance notice that next year's Chairman's Reception will be taking place on Friday 22 March 2019 in the Lady Chapel, Ely Cathedral.</p> <p>Full details of all these events will be sent to you in the New Year.</p> <p>Finally these past few weeks have been particularly busy, as you will have seen from the list of engagements at the front of this evening's Council Agenda. It serves to highlight, whoever the Chairman is, the importance of the office, in acting as an ambassador for the Council. I am aware that there has been scepticism by some as to whether the role should continue. I take this opportunity to place on public record, the importance to the Council of public relations. This afternoon I welcomed to the District visitors from America, Canada and France, as well as other parts of the United Kingdom. The value to the local economy of the office should not be underestimated.</p> <p>In conclusion, may I take the opportunity to offer our colleague Councillor Mathew Shuter many happy returns of the day, as it is his birthday today.</p>	
6.	-	To Receive Petitions	To receive public petitions.	No petitions had been received.	-

7.	-	Notice of Motions Under Procedure Rule 10	To receive and consider any motions from Members.	No motions were received.	
8.	-	To answer Questions from Members	To receive questions from Members of Council.	<p>The following questions were received from Councillors and responded to as detailed:</p> <p><u>Questions from Councillor Lorna Dupré</u></p> <p>(1) In September 2015, the Commercial Director of East Cambridgeshire District Council advised Cambridgeshire County Council that ‘any slippage to this completion date [November 2017] will result in the district council withdrawing this £1million commitment [to the Ely bypass]. The district council will not be releasing any of the £1million commitment until after the bypass is complete and will only release money if the bypass is complete by November 2017’. The bypass was opened on 31 October 2018. How much of the £1million commitment has the district council released, and on what dates?</p> <p>Response from Director Commercial:</p> <p><i>The requirement for the bypass to be completed by November 2017 as a condition for releasing our £1m contribution was withdrawn by the Commercial Director in October 2015.</i></p>	

				<p><i>This action was taken in recognition that the business case required evidence of partner contributions, including the commitment from ECDC.</i></p> <p><i>The Council has released £714,442.82 of CIL contributions to date: £343,453.77 paid in May 2017 and £370,989.05 paid in May 2018.</i></p> <p><i>£106,003.96 will be paid to the County Council in January 2019.</i></p> <p>(2) Why is the Council still using HDPE envelopes?</p> <p>Response from Director Commercial:</p> <p><i>The Council continues to use HDPE envelopes to post out agenda packs. This is because they are more durable than paper envelopes. These envelopes are also re-usable: in most cases the envelopes are returned to Democratic Services or Reprographics for re-use.</i></p> <p><u>Question from Councillor Christine Whelan</u></p> <p>(3) Where does the Council expect to provide the third affordable dwelling arising from the Barton Road, Ely development and when?</p>	
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				<p>Response from Director Commercial:</p> <p><i>The Section 106 Agreement required the provision of two affordable housing units on-site and a contribution in lieu of the third affordable housing unit. The two affordable housing units have been provided on-site and a contribution of £72,142.61 was paid on 18 September 2018.</i></p> <p><i>The Council has not yet committed the contribution to a particular scheme and will look at all opportunities available, including the MOD Site (if approved) to deliver an affordable housing unit with the funds available.</i></p>	
9.	T163	Schedule of Items Recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies	To consider and take decisions on items recommended from Committees and Other Member Bodies	<p><u>RESOURCES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – 29 NOVEMBER 2018</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) & Business Rates Discretionary Policies 2019/20</u></p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) for 2019-20 remains unchanged from the current scheme. 2. That Council's policies with regard to discretionary Business Rate reliefs also remain unchanged. 	Finance Manager & S151 Officer

				<p>(b) <u>Treasury Operations Mid Year Review</u></p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the mid-year review of the Council's Treasury Management for 2018/19, as set out at Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be noted. 2. That the use of Money Market Funds (LVNAV) funds be authorised, as detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the submitted report. 	<p>Finance Manager & S151 Officer</p>
10.	T164	Establishment of Not For Profit Registered Provider	To consider the establishment of a Not For Profit Registered Provider of affordable housing and the making of an application to the Social Housing Regulator for Stage One Consent.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish a Company Limited by Guarantee; East Cambridgeshire Housing Association. 2. To authorise the Chief Executive, Director Commercial and Legal Services Manager to complete the necessary legal documentation to implement 2.1.1 above. 3. To authorise the Director Commercial to submit a Stage One (preliminary) application to Social Housing Regulator for East Cambridgeshire Housing Association to be registered as a not-for-profit registered provider. 	<p>Director Commercial</p>
11.	T165	Fordham Neighbourhood Plan Adoption	To formally adopt the Fordham Neighbourhood Plan following the successful referendum on 8 November 2018.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Fordham Parish Council be congratulated on its preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and a successful referendum outcome, 	<p>Director Commercial</p>

				<p>becoming the first Parish Council to do so in East Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>2. That the Fordham Neighbourhood Plan (as attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report) be formally made part of the Development Plan for East Cambridgeshire with immediate effect.</p>	
12.	-	<p>Combined Authority Update Reports: a. October 2018 b. November 2018</p>	<p>To receive reports on the activities of the Combined Authority from the Council's appointees.</p>	<p>The following question was asked by Councillor Lorna Dupré and responded to as detailed in relation to the report of the Combined Authority Audit & Governance Committee on 30 November 2018:</p> <p>In view of the dismissal of the fourth Combined Authority Chief Finance Officer in 2 years, how confident is the Authority that the fifth Chief Finance Officer will last?</p> <p>Response from Councillor Charles Roberts:</p> <p>The previous post holder was appointed on an interim basis, but the Combined Authority is confident that it will be able to make a permanent and lasting appointment to the role.</p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the reports on the activities of the Combined Authority from the Council's appointees be noted.</p>	

13.	T166	Acquisition of Former MOD Site, Ely	To consider the acquisition of the former MOD site at North Ely.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the purchase of the former MOD site, Ely and the concurrent transfer to East Cambs Trading Company (ECTC). 2. To approve an extension of the loan facility on a drawdown basis by an additional £1.5m for the purposes of the purchase and development of the site as detailed in paragraph 5.0 of the submitted report. 3. To authorise the Section 151 Officer and Legal Services Manager to complete the necessary legal and financial documentation required to implement 1 and 2 above. 	Chief Executive, Strategic Land Advisor
	-	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining agenda item because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining agenda item.</p>	-

14.	-	Asset Management Matter – Parish of Ely	To consider an asset management matter relating to the Parish of Ely.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be given to the land acquisition and transfer to East Cambs Trading Company (ECTC) as detailed in the submitted report. 2. That the Chief Executive and Legal Services Manager be authorised to complete the necessary legal documentation to implement the land acquisition and transfer. 	Chief Executive, Director Commercial and Legal Services Manager
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