

## CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 14 March 2023

CALL-IN BY MONDAY, 20 March 2023, 5pm

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#### Subject

Amendment to Council Tax premiums in respect of empty properties

#### Decision

Recommended to Full Council that

1. A Council Tax premium of 100% is levied in respect of empty and unfurnished properties 12 months after the property becomes empty.
2. A Council Tax premium of 100% is levied in respect of unoccupied dwellings, which are substantially furnished.
3. The application of premiums in both cases is applied from 1 April 2024 or such other date as may be permitted following the passage of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill through Parliament, with the implementation date delegated to the Director of Connected Chelmsford

#### Status

No call-in as yet.

#### Reason for Decision

Cabinet agreed with the proposals

#### Action by

R Hawes

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#### Subject

Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy

#### Decision

RESOLVED that the additions and alterations to the existing Discretionary Rate Relief Policy, are agreed.

#### Status

No call-in as yet.

#### Reason for Decision

Cabinet agreed with the proposals

## Action by

R Hawes

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## Subject

Community Funding Scheme – Discretionary Grant Funding 2023/24

## Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed

1. To allocate £90,000 n 2023/24 to fund the 15 organisations in the amounts shown in Appendix 1, and
2. That the Director of Connected Chelmsford be authorised to prepare and issue the grant offer letters and grant funding agreements to those organisations receiving the grants for 2023/24.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

Cabinet agreed with the allocations which had been recommended by the Community Funding Panel, which had been through a thorough process of assessment and aligned to City Council corporate priorities.

## Action by

S Graham

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## Subject

Neighbourhood Plans Update and Delegations

## Decision

RESOLVED that;

1. Cabinet delegated to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development, the statutory functions of considering examiners' reports and recommendations for the six Neighbourhood Plans under preparation set out at Paragraph 1.2 of the report, and deciding what action should be taken in response, including (where applicable) the decision to proceed to referendum and
2. The Cabinet noted the update on progress on Neighbourhood Plans in the Council's administrative area.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

Cabinet agreed that delegating the functions would enable timely progress on future stages of the statutory Neighbourhood Plan process.

## Action by

J Robinson

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## Subject

Strategic Growth Site Policy 7 – Great Leighs Masterplan

## Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet indicate that the Chief Executive exercises his delegated authority to approve the Masterplan for Great Leighs.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

Cabinet were happy with the masterplan that had been through various stages of consultation.

## Action by

J Potter

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## Subject

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

## Decision

RESOLVED that the proposed statement on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking for 2022/23 be approved and published.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

There was a legal requirement to approve and publish a statement for the 2022/23 financial year and Cabinet were happy with the statement.

## Action by

P Brookes

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## Subject

Cabinet Report on Greater Essex Deal

## Decision

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

Report was only for noting.

## Action by

N Eveleigh