



Forest Heath District Council

Cabinet Decisions Notice

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The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on **Tuesday 20 September 2016**. As the decisions are subject to full Council approval, the call-in procedure does not apply on this occasion.

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Agenda Item and Report No.	Declarations of Interest/Dispensations Granted	Decision(s) (including recommendations to Council)	Reason(s) for Decision(s)	Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection	Contacts
Item 4 CAB/FH/16/041	None	<p><u>Consideration of: Approach to Delivering a Sustainable Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017-2020; Four Year Settlement Offer from Central Government and Economic Development and Growth Funding Requests</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (28 September 2016): That</p> <p>(A) Subject to the correction of a typographical error, as indicated in (A) (3) below, the following recommendations considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on</p>	<p>The Cabinet supports:</p> <p>(a) the approach to delivering a sustainable medium term financial strategy 2016-2020 as whilst it will not remove the need for an annual savings programme, this approach will ensure resources are available at the appropriate time to deliver projects and therefore strategic priorities;</p> <p>(b) the acceptance of the four-year settlement offer from Central</p>	<p>To not accept the proposed approach to delivering a sustainable medium term financial strategy 2016-2020 or the four-year settlement offer from Central Government ; however this would mean that the Council would not benefit from certainty over funding levels.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr Stephen Edwards 01638 660518</p> <p><u>Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</u> Cllr Simon Cole 07974 443762</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245</p>

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		<p>15 September 2016, as set out in Report No: OAS/FH/16/022, be approved:</p> <p>(1) The approach to delivering a sustainable medium term financial strategy 2016 -2020 as set out in Report No: OAS/FH/16/022, be supported.</p> <p>(2) Government's offer of a four-year Finance Settlement be accepted, and the Head of Resources and Performance (Chief Financial Officer) be authorised to advise Government of Council's decision.</p> <p>(3) That the Council's existing Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) document and the approach paper (Report No: OAS/FH/16/022) be recognised as the Council's Efficiency Plan, for the purposes of accepting any four-year Finance Settlement under (1) (2) above.</p>	<p>Government as this option is expected to be neutral in terms of its impact on existing financial projections and financial strategy. It will also give more certainty for financial planning purposes; and</p> <p>(c) the funding requests from within the Economic Growth and Development service as this will ensure the team can meet project timescales, and thus contribute to meeting West Suffolk's strategic priorities.</p>	<p>To not agree to the proposed allocation of funding towards the Economic Development and Growth projects; however this will result in a delay in delivery of the schemes.</p>	

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		(B) Approval be given to an allocation of £391,500 from its Strategic Priorities and MTFS Reserves, as FHDC's share towards funding the in-year (and in some cases future years) Economic Development and Growth funding requests outlined in Appendix 2 to Report No: CAB/FH/16/041.			

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