

Cabinet – Monday, 3 October 2022 Decision List

Notes:

All decisions in this Decision List which are not identified as RECOMMENDATIONS to Council are capable of being "called-in" under Section 8 of Chapter 4, Part 3 of the Constitution. If not called-in, they will take effect on the expiry of 5 clear working days after the publication of this decision list.

For the avoidance of doubt, the deadline for a call-in request for this decision list will be **Monday 10th October**

The officer listed as taking action will generally be the author of the original report unless otherwise notified to the Democratic Services Team.

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<p><u>7 - Tackling Empty Homes</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Agree a temporary (12-month fixed term) resource to identify, investigate and monitor empty homes (and Second / Holiday homes and de-listed properties) more proactively. The post to be funded from reserves.</p> <p>Pilot the use of Homeless Prevention Grant to pay for repairs to bring a small number of empty homes into use to provide temporary accommodation for homeless households. Funded from existing budget.</p> <p>Arrange training for existing officers on the powers available to tackle Empty Homes. Funded from existing budget.</p> <p>Reason for the decision:</p> <p>To support use of funding from reserves to be used for an additional temporary post</p>	<p>Nicky Debbage Housing Strategy & Delivery Manager</p>

<p><u>8 - ECO4-Flex</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt a North Norfolk District Council Statement of Intent. (Appendix 2) 2. Delegate authority to approve applicants to the Council's Energy Officer. 3. Promote the Statement of Intent (Availability of Grant Funded Energy Improvement Works) to local households, energy suppliers and the installers working for the energy suppliers. <p>Reasons for the decision:</p> <p>Recommendations 1 and 2 will enable eligible applicants in the district to access additional grant funding for energy efficiency improvement works.</p> <p>Recommendation 3 will help raise awareness of grant funding amongst eligible applicants.</p>	<p>Graham Connolly Housing Strategy & Delivery Manager</p>
<p><u>9 - Council Tax Discounts 2023 - 2024</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Recommend to Full Council that under Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 2012 and other enabling powers that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The discounts for the year 2023-24 and beyond are set at the levels indicated in the table at paragraph 2.1 2) The existing 100% council tax hardship discount and associated policy (see Appendix B) remains in place for 2023-24 3) That an exception to the levy charges may be made by the Revenues Manager in the circumstances laid out in section 2.2 of this report 4) The premiums for the year 2023-24 and beyond are set at the levels indicated in the table at paragraph 2.3 5) A new second homes premium of 100% as detailed in paragraph 2.4 is applied from 	<p>Sean Knight Revenues Manager</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL</p>

<p>April 2024, subject to the necessary legislation.</p> <p>6) To continue to award a local discount of 100% for eligible cases of care leavers under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended)</p> <p>7) Those dwellings that are specifically identified under regulation 6 of the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 will retain the 50% discount as set out in paragraph 1.2 of this report.</p> <p>8) Those dwellings described or geographically defined at Appendix A which in the reasonable opinion of the Revenues Manager are judged not to be structurally capable of occupation all year round and were built before the restrictions of seasonal usage were introduced by the Town and Country Planning Act 1947, will be entitled to a 35% discount</p> <p>Reason for the decision:</p> <p>To set appropriate council tax discounts and premiums which will apply in 2023-24 and to raise council tax revenue.</p> <p>In accordance with the relevant legislation these determinations shall be published in at least one newspaper circulating in North Norfolk before the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the date of the determinations.</p>	
<p><u>10 - Transfer of Public Open Space at Stalham</u></p> <p>Decision RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Approve the transfer of:</p> <p>A. public open space North of Yarmouth Road Stalham as identified on the plan in the appendix to Stalham Town Council</p> <p>B. The remaining commuted sum of approximately £170,000</p> <p>Reason for the decision:</p> <p>To approve the transfer of land and funds as a key decision.</p>	<p>Renata Garfoot Estates & Asset Strategy Manager</p>

11 - Future Letting of the Cedars, North Walsham

Decision

RESOLVED to:

- 1) To note the proposals received, and;
- 2) Instruct officers to investigate an alternative delivery model that meets the Councils' asset management aspirations and provides the continued community services, and;
- 3) Continue discussions with parties forming the combined option in Proposals 1, 3 and 4, and;
- 4) Note that this would form the basis of a future report.

Reason for the decision:

The recommended proposal supports the Councils Asset Management Plan.

Neil Turvey
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