Executive

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<td>1.</td>
<td>MINUTES</td>
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<td>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.</td>
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<td>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</td>
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<td>Executive Members: Councillors M.A. Brunt and E. Humphreys.</td>
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<td>Non-Executive Member: Councillors N.D. Harrison and D.J. Pay.</td>
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<td>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2017/18</td>
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<td>RECOMMENDED that the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 be approved.</td>
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<td>RESOLVED that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.</td>
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<td><strong>Reasons for decision:</strong> To adopt a current Treasury Management Strategy for the 2017/18 period.</td>
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<td><strong>Alternative options:</strong> To not support the contents of this report or to defer it and ask Officers to provide more information and/or clarification on any specific points.</td>
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MARKETFIELD WAY – THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING CINEMA, A1, A2, AND A3 RETAIL, TOGETHER WITH 153 RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND UNDERCROFT CAR PARKING

RECOMMENDED that the Capital Programme be amended to resource stage 3 of the Marketfield Way project subject to stage 3 (phase two construction tenders) meeting the financial parameters set out in the financial projections provided in Annex 6 and the estimated potential Compulsory Purchase costs as set out in the exempt report in Part 2 of the Executive’s agenda.

RESOLVED that:

(i) the completion of Stage 2 of the Marketfield Way project and the confirmation of the scheme’s viability, obtaining of detailed planning consent, and stage 1 building construction tenders be noted;

(ii) the Head of Property be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Property, Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, to progress Stage 3 of the Marketfield Way project, in accordance with the strategy set out in the Executive report dated 26 February 2015 and updates set out in the report before the Executive, and bring forward the development, retaining the commercial elements and pre selling the residential flats to a private rented sector operator/residential investor or selling/letting the individual residential units on the open market at completion of the development;

(iii) the Marketfield Way project be progressed in accordance with the updated financial parameters set out in the exempt report in Part 2 of this agenda, including further land assembly, appointment of construction consultants, appointment of construction building contractors, placement of contracts to move statutory services on site, and conclusion of pre let arrangements; and

(iv) the list of prospective tenants set out in the exempt report in Part 2 of the agenda be noted.

Reasons for decision:

To obtain authority to progress to Stage 3, the appointment of a building construction contractor to progress phase 2 fixed tender and contract pricing, finalising of detail design, whilst at the same time progressing with moving statutory services from the site and preparing the site for the building contract.

Alternative options: The Executive received revised Options for consideration in the Addendum which included selling the site with the benefit of planning consent or to do nothing.
6. **CHIPSTEAD DOWNS AND BANSTEAD WOODS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**

**RESOLVED** that:

(i) the area of Chipstead Downs and Banstead Woods (shown on Map 1 within this report) be declared as a Local Nature Reserve, including land within Reigate & Banstead Borough Council’s ownership and – on their behalf – land that falls within the ownership of Surrey County Council; and

(ii) the Head of Service with responsibility for Legal be authorised to enter into a legal agreement on behalf of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, with Surrey County Council, to provide the legal framework to allow Chipstead Downs and Banstead Woods to be declared as a Local Nature Reserve as agreed in (i) above.

**Reasons for decision:**

Declaration of Chipstead Downs and Banstead Woods as a Local Nature Reserve will allow this important site to be properly and positively managed for recreation whilst simultaneously ensuring that the important and protected landscape character, habitats and biodiversity were enhanced and not unintentionally degraded.

As the site fell within the ownership of both Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and Surrey County Council, agreement had been reached in principle between the two authorities for the Borough Council to declare those areas that are owned by the County Council on their behalf. The site’s declaration as a Local Nature Reserve would also allow more effective joined-up working between the owners of the land at this important area for biodiversity and wildlife.

**Alternative option:** To maintain the site under the existing protections it had through a variety of national and local designation.

7. **REIGATE & BANSTEAD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

**RESOLVED** that the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) (Annex 1 to the report) be approved and brought into effect from 5 April 2017.

**Reasons for decision:**

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council is required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Planning Act 2008 and the Localism Act 2011.

**Alternative option:** Do not approve the LDS.
8. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

RECOMMENDED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2017/18 be adopted.

**Reasons for decision:** To agree a work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

**Alternative options:** To add to or not adopt the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2017/18.

9. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT (Q3)**

RESOLVED that the performance outlined in the quarterly performance report up to December 2016 be noted and the 2017-18 Strategic Risks be approved.

**Reasons for decision:**

To consider performance for the third quarter of the financial year 2016/17 and to consider updates against the LGA Action Plan together with appropriate arrangements for performance and risk management in 2017/18.

**Alternative options:** None.

10. **DEBT WRITE OFF & RECOVERY PERFORMANCE**

RESOLVED that:

(i) ten debts totalling £74,725.66 (as detailed in Annex 1 of the Executive’s report) be approved for writing out of the Council’s accounts; and

(ii) the performance on debt recovery for the 2016/17 financial year be noted.

**Reasons for decision:**

Six of the debts related to National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR or Business Rates), and four related to Council Tax. All possible action had been taken to recover these amounts and approval was sought to technically write them out of the accounts.

**Alternative options:** To not approve the proposed write offs.

11. **PROPOSED APPROACH FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

RESOLVED that:

(i) the cessation of the Spelthorne and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Legal Partnership be noted; and

(ii) the proposed approach to an independent Legal Services be endorsed in principle and the Acting Head of Legal be authorised to develop a commercial vehicle to deliver Legal Services.
Reasons for decision:
To develop and maintain separate legal support for Reigate and Banstead BC services as an immediate priority. Whilst, in parallel, developing and delivering a project to commercialise legal services during the financial year 2017/18 which supported the Council’s 5 Year Plan to develop a more commercial approach to services and develop new revenue income sources.

Alternative options: None.

12. STATEMENTS
None.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS
None.

14. EXEMPT BUSINESS
RESOLVED that members of the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that:
   (i) it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; and
   (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

15. MARKETFIELD WAY – THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING CINEMA, A1, A2, AND A3 RETAIL, TOGETHER WITH 153 RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND UNDERCROFT CAR PARKING
RESOLVED that the exempt information relating to the Marketfield Way, Redhill development be noted.

Meeting closed at 8.24 pm

Distribution (Electronically):
All Councillors (eMembers Room), Management Team including the Chief Executive, S151 Officer, Monitoring Officer and Head of Customers, Communications & Change.