

# COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

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## Council Meeting

20 February 2019, 6.00pm

### Supplementary Information

Please note that the business will be subject to short breaks at approximately 90 minute intervals.

#### 3. Minutes

A.. Motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record (see page 7 of the Council Summons).

#### 6. Items (if any) referred under the Call-in Procedure

None

#### 7. Recommendations of the Cabinet, Panels and Committees

To consider the following recommendations:-

Note that a motion to suspend Council Procedure 14(3) will be moved before this item to allow the Portfolio Holder for Resources and the Leaders of the Conservative, Labour and Highwoods Group to speak untimed on this item only.

##### **(i) 2019-20 General Fund Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Medium Term Financial Forecast**

B... Motion that the recommendations contained in minute 326 of the Cabinet meeting of 30 January 2019 and the recommendations contained in the report by the Assistant Director entitled "Precept and Council Tax Levels 2019-20" be approved and adopted.

This will be moved subject to an alteration pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 14(15) to alter sub-paragraph (f) of the resolution from Cabinet to delete the full stop and the add the following wording at the end of the sub paragraph:-

"and subject to any decision to release any of the allocation on Local Plan work set out in paragraph 8.10 of the Assistant Director's report to North Essex Garden Communities Ltd being approved by a vote at Full Council, following consideration of North Essex Garden Communities Ltd business plan by Cabinet."

*The effect of this would be to alter sub-paragraph (f) of the Cabinet resolution to read as follows:-*

(f). *RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL the 2019/20 Revenue Budget requirement of £20,206k (paragraph 8.24 of the Assistant Director's report) and the underlying detailed budgets set out in summary at Appendix E of the Assistant Director's report, and available background papers subject to the final proposal to be made in respect of Council Tax and subject to any decision to release any of the allocation on Local Plan work set out in paragraph 8.10 of the Assistant Director's report to North Essex Garden Communities Ltd being approved by a vote at Full Council, following consideration of North Essex Garden Communities Ltd business plan by Cabinet."*

**(ii) Changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

C... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 75 of the Licensing Committee meeting of 23 January 2019 be approved and adopted (page 41 of the Council Summons).

**(iii) Nomination of Deputy Mayor 2019-20**

D... Motion that the recommendation contained in draft minute 334 of the Cabinet meeting of 30 January 2019 be approved and adopted (page 43 of the Council Summons).

**8. Notices of Motion pursuant to the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(6) no motions shall be accepted at the Annual Budget meeting unless the Mayor agrees as a matter of urgency.

**9. Questions to Cabinet Members and Chairmen pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10**

(i) Councillor Liddy to Councillor Goss, Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation

*Last year the idea of Essex County Council devolving its road maintenance budget to Colchester Borough Council was proposed. Is the Portfolio Holder in a position to give the Council a report on the current progress of the negotiations?*

(ii) Councillor Hogg to Councillor Bourne, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities

*Over the last two financial years the sum of £12 k has been allocated to St Annes and St Johns Ward to spend on good and worthy causes. I see from the final Budget Summary that there is an underspend of £2281-0 in monies allocated to the ward. Can the Portfolio Holder come up with a mechanism by which this money can be retrieved so that Cllr Chuah and I can allocate to where it was intended ie, worthy and deserving causes and not lost.*

(iii) Councillor Warnes to Councillor Goss, Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation

*Can the Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation seek urgent talks with the Ministry of Defence to help re-establish appropriate parking spaces for those members of the public that want to responsibly use Friday Woods for recreational purposes so that the wider impact of the car park closure can be mitigated.*

(iv) Councillor Cope to Councillor Lilley, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Community Safety and Licensing

*Could the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Community Safety and Licensing provide details of the development projects that are being held up through the non-triggering of a so-called "trigger point"? Could the Portfolio Holder provide a list of such projects and for each the trigger point that has not been reached?*

(v) Councillor Barber to Councillor Cory, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy

*Please will the Leader of the Council publish to all members a statement of accounts, profit and loss, for the 2017-18 financial year and the current financial year to date for North Essex Garden Communities Ltd (NEGC)?*

(vi) Councillor Barber to Councillor T. Young, Portfolio Holder for Business and Culture

*Can the Deputy Leader of the Council confirm or not as to whether there are any bonus schemes for the Managing Director or any other staff member of North Essex Garden Communities Ltd?*

(vii) Councillor Laws to Councillor Cory, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy

*Could the Leader of the Council explain to the Council the benefit of a development corporation running the Garden Communities and what advantage there are to the residents of Colchester?*

## **10. Designation of Interim Section 151 Officer**

E... Motion that the recommended decision contained in the report by the Assistant Director, Policy and Corporate, be approved and adopted.

## **11. Schedules of Decisions taken by Portfolio Holders**

To note schedules covering the period 20 October 2018 – 21 November 2018 (see page 45 of the Council Summons).

## **12. Urgent items**

To consider any business not specified in this summons which by reason of special circumstances the Mayor determines should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

#### **14. Exclusion of the Public**

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 motion to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).