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Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE MEETING MONDAY, 22 MARCH 2021 – DECISION NOTICE

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your attention, a copy of the Decision Notice of the Executive held on Monday, 22 March 2021.

Set out below is the procedure for calling in decisions of the Executive. **Only Key Decisions may be called in.** Request forms to call in a decision of the Executive may be obtained from the Governance Team.

Deadline date for calling in Key Decisions contained in the Decision Notice:

31 March 2021

Number of Members required to call in an item:

Three Scrutiny Members

Method by which items may be called in:

- By completion of the form available from the Governance Team

Recording of called in items:

The Governance Manager shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a log of called in items. In practice this log will be kept by the Governance Officers who are themselves authorised to accept notifications from Members.

A log shall be maintained in chronological order according to when requests are received. This log will be open for inspection by any Member of the Council, upon request.

Yours sincerely,



Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer

**DECISION NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
MONDAY, 22 MARCH 2021**

**NON KEY DECISIONS
MATTERS REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY**

None

BUDGET & POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
5	Growth Strategy	<p>RESOLVED that the following recommendations be referred to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Growth Strategy and associated Action Plan be adopted by the Council 2) officers be granted delegated authority to amend the final appearance and layout of the Growth Strategy in liaison with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development prior to publication 3) officers be authorised to make amendments to the Strategy and Action Plan in liaison with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development as appropriate or required. <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The Growth Strategy and the actions set out in the accompanying Action Plan would support enterprise, innovation, jobs and skills and made the best use of assets whilst supporting clean and inclusive economic growth.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: There was no 'do less' or 'do nothing' option in this case because the adoption of a growth strategy was a corporate target and was required to achieve the Councils ambitions.</p>

NON KEY DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
6	Tourism Strategy	<p>RESOLVED – that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the draft Tourism Strategy be adopted

		<p>2) officers be authorised to amend the final appearance and layout for the Tourism Strategy prior to publication in liaison with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development</p> <p>3) officers be authorised to make amendments to the strategy in liaison with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development as appropriate or required.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The Strategy would kick start the visitor economy following relaxation of Covid pandemic restrictions and help achieve the Council’s ambitions by promoting the District and encouraging overnight stays.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: To not produce a Tourism Strategy would mean initiatives to improve Tourism and the visitor economy could come forward in a disjointed and ad-hoc manner, without an overriding strategic direction.</p>
7	Housing Strategy 2021-2024	<p>RESOLVED – that the Housing Strategy 2021-2024 be adopted.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The new Housing Strategy focused on the Council’s current housing and housing related priorities and obligations for the next three years. The strategy would help to secure external funding where possible and provide an evidence base for partner organisations.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The alternative option was to not have a Housing Strategy. This was rejected as the strategy would set out a clear housing plan, which would be a key driver for housing growth in the District including supporting housing for the most vulnerable.</p>
8	Empty Property Strategy 2021-2024	<p>RESOLVED that the Empty Property Strategy be adopted.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The Empty Property Strategy would enable the Council to implement a raft of measures to reduce</p>

		<p>the number of long term empty properties resulting in additional housing units, additional New Homes Bonus and greater community stability which contributed to the delivery of the Council's ambitions.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: To not have an Empty Property Strategy. This would impact on the Councils ability to reduce the number of long term empty properties within the District and the ability to deal effectively with the problems associated with them.</p>
9	Adoption of the Holy Trinity Churchyard Shirebrook	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the statutory obligation be undertaken and maintenance of the Holy Trinity Churchyard, Shirebrook commence 2) cost of undertaking maintenance be contained within existing budgets and where necessary reviewed during the revised budget process 3) engineering one-off works (£17,000) not containable within Engineering Team budgets be subject to a future capital budget bid (2021/22) or undertaken by way of current capital budget where flexibility affords. <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The Council was duty bound to assume legal responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the Holy Trinity Churchyard, Shirebrook.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: No other options were considered as the Council had to adopt closed burial grounds.</p>

KEY DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
10	Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government Community Champions Funding Award	<p>RESOLVED that the update be acknowledged and the roll out of the Community Champions Project funded by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government be delivered.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To report on the Expression of Interest that had</p>

			<p>been successful for a Community Champions Programme and the award of £188,883.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The Council could have opted not to submit an Expression of Interest, however it was considered worthy to attempt to access external funding for the District.</p>	
11	Provision of Asbestos Surveying Services	of and	Asbestos Sampling	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the contract for the provision of Asbestos Surveying and Sampling Services be awarded to Environtec Ltd 2) the Head of Property Services & Housing Repairs be given delegated authority in consultation with the Housing Stock Group and the relevant Portfolio Holder to extend the contract for the maximum of two additional periods each of one year. Extensions to be conditional upon the satisfactory performance of the contractor 3) progress on the contract be reported through the Asset Management meetings and the Housing Stock Group. <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To award a contract to ensure the Council met its obligations under The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2021, following a compliant procurement exercise.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: If the contract was not awarded the Council would be left liable to prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive and could suffer reputational damage as a responsible social housing provider.</p>

PART 2 - EXEMPT ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM	DECISION
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NON KEY DECISIONS

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13 Management of Corporate Debt -	RESOLVED that Executive agreed to write-off the

	<p>Write-off of Outstanding Amounts</p>	<p>amounts summarised at paragraph 1.11 of the report (£21,626) and individually detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: Given that all available options to recover this debt had been explored, it was important that the Council recognised the position and approved the write-off of the uncollectable debt.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As all options to recover the debts had been exhausted there were no alternative options considered.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Purchase of Development Land</p>	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Executive approve the purchase of the land as set out in the report up to the value set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report, to be financed from the existing allocated funds in the capital programme for Bolsover Homes 2) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Development to agree the final purchase price and the remaining terms and conditions of the purchase and purchase agreement. <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To purchase land that had been identified as a development opportunity.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: To not pursue the purchase of the land. This was rejected because land was at a premium in the District and this viable land was available within the value band.</p>

Only Key Decisions may be called in. All other decisions will be actioned immediately with the exception of those referred to Council (shown in italics).