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Part A – Items considered in public

A6	Draft Council Plan 2020-25	That the draft Council Plan 2020-25 be approved for consultation with stakeholders, residents and businesses until the 29 November 2019.	<p>The current Council Plan 2017-20 was adopted by Council on 16 January 2019 and runs until 31 March 2020.</p> <p>There have been some significant changes at the Council since this time including a change in administration following the local elections in May and the declaration of a Climate Emergency in June.</p> <p>The Council Plan 2020-25 sets out the Council's key ambitions for the coming five years and focusses on five priority outcomes.</p>	The Council could choose not to have a Council Plan or not refresh the current Council Strategy. It is the Council Plan that sets out the key delivery programme for the Council and enables effective business planning and programme management for teams. Not to have a Plan is not recommended.
A7	Outcome Based Budget	1. That the projected	The current four year central	There are a variety of options

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	Challenge	<p>shortfalls on the General Fund in the medium term, the proposed options for addressing those shortfalls be considered in order to determine in December which of the options should be included within the medium financial plan.</p> <p>2. That the creation of a Transition Reserve, utilising the projected underspend forecast for the current financial year, be approved.</p> <p>3. That one-off revenue expenditure proposals for additional Local Plan resource at £160k to fund 2 x 2 year fixed term posts as set out in paragraph 11.12 of</p>	<p>government settlement funding ends in 2019/20. A fundamental review of funding levels and distribution mechanisms was expected from 2020/21. A one year settlement has now been announced for 2020/21 with provisional estimates expected by the end of the year.</p> <p>Report CAB3178 provides the basis for consultation on the options available to ensure a balanced budget over the four year medium term period to 2023/24. A budget simulator was launched in September, building on the recent residents' survey, in order to encourage greater consultation with the public and understanding of priority service areas.</p>	<p>open the council over the medium term, and included in the above are a range of achievable options that fit within the council strategy.</p> <p>Other council's have focussed on different approaches. Some have purely focussed on what is the legal minimum services to provide. This has been rejected as though the council has many statutory services to provide, <i>how</i> these are delivered can take many different shapes and associated costs. The financial position for the forthcoming year is not in such a position that the council needs to remove all discretionary related services so this would be premature, especially with a major Government review of</p>

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		<p>the report be approved.</p> <p>4. That the requirement to increase the charge for On Street Permits to £50 for first permits be phased over 3 years (£30 from April 2020, £40 from April 2021 and £50 from April 2022).</p>		<p>finance now expected for 2021.</p> <p>Another option is take a much more aggressive approach to income generation, especially in respect of commercial property acquisition. If the Council spent £250m on acquiring commercial property, it could expect a net return (assuming gross yield of 6%) of up to £5m. This option has been rejected. There are a number of risks in commercial property investment, especially outside of the local economic areas, due a lack of a secondary plan for the properties. Yields are also very 'tight' at present meaning there is little room for losses due to voids. The council has a policy of</p>

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				<p>achieving a double-win at present through any commercial property investment and it is not proposed to move from this approach. There has been recent guidance issued by CIPFA also warning authorities who borrow in advance of need for certain acquisitions.</p>
A9	River Park Leisure Centre - Future Use of Site	<p>That the following be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The River Park Leisure Centre (RPLC) building will close in January 2021. 2. The feedback from the stakeholder engagement event on 22/23 March 2019. 3. Winchester Town Forum’s role in determining the provision of 	<p>To update members on progress of the early-stage work to determine the future use of the River Park Leisure Centre (“RPLC”) site in central Winchester, as well as consideration of improvements and enhancement of the facilities and open spaces adjoining the centre. This includes consideration of the constraints that apply</p>	<p>The report CAB3190 does not address the potential redevelopment of the River Park Leisure Centre site which is subject to a further report. As such the current focus is on the provision of the public open space following public engagement earlier in the year.</p>

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		<p>facilities to serve North Walls recreation area, and the ongoing work to resolve the future of the pavilion at North Walls.</p> <p>4. The legal complexities relating to potential future land uses of the RPLC building and surrounding site.</p> <p>That the following be approved:</p> <p>5. That the Winchester Town Forum oversee the work relating to the improvement of the North Walls recreation area, and that the Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management leads the work relating to the future use of the RPLC building site and associated buildings and parking areas.</p> <p>6. That further evaluation, including financial</p>	<p>to the site and how they influence the way we proceed. It also includes measures that will need to be taken when RPLC closes in early 2021 to ensure the availability of facilities for users of the adjoining open spaces, as well as making the closed building safe.</p>	

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		<p>and legal implications, of the options for demolition or securing of the existing RPLC building once it is closed is undertaken and reported back to Cabinet for decision.</p> <p>7. That an evaluation of options for the provision of toilet and refreshment facilities on site once the existing RPLC building closes in January 2021 is undertaken and considered by the Winchester Town Forum.</p>		
A10	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Programme	<p>1. That the rolling three year CIL spending programme set out in Appendix A to Report CAB3194 be approved.</p> <p>2. That the allocation of £635,000 from Winchester City Council CIL</p>	The City Council approved its Community Strategy Levy (CIL) Operational Review in September 2018 (CAB3071 refers) which put in place a revised process for the allocation of district wide CIL funds. The review introduced a new protocol for developing	The bidding process and subsequent consideration of the bids by the Informal Panel were previously agreed by Cabinet. As the purpose of report CAB3194 is to seek approval from Cabinet for the recommendations made by

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		<p>income receipts as set out in Section 12.4 of the report and its expenditure under Financial Procedure Rule 7.4 be approved. This includes the allocation of funding for the twelve community led projects recommended by the Informal Panel, subject to any conditions stipulated and included in Appendix A to the report which includes the following specific projects:</p> <p>2.1 Abbotts Barton and Hyde Scout Group – Scout and Community Hall 2.2 Colden Common Parish Church- community facility improvements 2.3 Colden Common Parish Council – Footway improvements and upgrades 2.4 Durley Parish Council – Crossing point near school 2.5 Littleton and Harestock Parish Council- Parkour</p>	<p>a rolling 3 year programme of schemes and included for the first time an annual bidding process for members, Parish Councils, community groups and other partners to submit detailed proposals for CIL funding, for infrastructure projects in their area.</p> <p>A total of £1m was set aside to support this community scheme funding process between 2019 and 2022. Bids would be reviewed by an informal CIL allocations panel (“Informal Panel”) in order to make recommendations to Cabinet. This report recommends those bids which the Informal Panel recommended should receive funding from the £1m CIL allocation, for approval by Cabinet as part of setting the rolling programme of</p>	<p>the Informal Panel, it was not necessary for other options to be considered. This forms part of the process for agreeing a 3 year programme of CIL funding for infrastructure schemes.</p>

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		<p>sports facility 2.6 Otterbourne Parish Council – Zebra Crossing facility 2.7 Shedfield Parish Council – Sports pavilion extension and refurbishment 2.8 Twyford Parish Council – Extension of community car park 2.9 Twyford parish Council – Footway/Cycleway upgrade 2.10 Upham Parish Council – Traffic calming and gateway scheme 2.11 Wickham Parish Council – Play equipment and upgrade to sports ground 2.12 Havant Borough Council – Completion of missing cycle link</p> <p align="center">3. That the bringing forward £135,000 of the CIL funded community projects budget from</p>	<p>schemes to be funded using CIL income.</p> <p>It should be noted that this funding scheme does not include the neighbourhood portion of CIL for city area, which is managed by Winchester Town Forum, and is subject to separate spending protocol. However, it is still possible for a scheme within the town to benefit from funding from the £1m set aside for community projects using district wide CIL income.</p> <p>The CIL regulations were amended in September of this year and a summary of these changes along with any implications for they way the City Council deals with CIL is attached at Appendix B of Report CAB3194.</p>	

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		<p>2020/21 to 2019/20 be approved to bring the total 2019/20 budget to £635,000.</p> <p>4. That allocation of £675,000 from Winchester City Council CIL income receipts be approved as set out in Section 12.6 of the report. This is for the allocation of funding for the three Council-led projects recommended by the Informal Panel subject to any conditions stipulated and included in Appendix A to the report which includes the following specific projects: 4.1 South Downs Way and Blackpath Access Works; 4.2 Station Approach Public Realm Improvements (provisional allocation to be reviewed after 12 months); 4.3 Chilcomb Sports Pavilion Improvements.</p> <p>5. That the</p>		

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		Central Government revisions to the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2019, as set out in Appendix B of the report be noted.		