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**Part A – Items considered in public**

A8	Parking & Access Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the consultation responses to the draft Winchester Parking and Access Strategy 2020 – 2025 be considered and noted.</li> <li>2. That local meetings be held in the parished and Market Town areas to develop a local parking and access plan as required.</li> <li>3. That the Winchester Parking and Access Strategy 2020 - 2030 as attached to the report CAB3224 be approved.</li> <li>4. That the Council implement the next steps</li> </ol>	<p>This report sets out the results of the draft Winchester Parking and Access Strategy consultation and provides recommendations on the next steps.</p> <p>The consultation opened on 24 December 2019 after Cabinet approved the draft strategy and closed 6 February 2020. Consultation was undertaken via an online survey with key stakeholders being informed of the process by email. The consultation process has provided residents' and organisations' feedback on how parking should be managed in the future both</p>	<p>The Winchester Movement Strategy considers measures which go further in terms of parking management, such as introducing a workplace parking levy to act as a further traffic demand management tool, should other elements of the Movement Strategy not succeed in reducing city centre traffic.</p>
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		<p>to finalise the Winchester Parking and Access Strategy and develop an action plan to feed into the annual car park improvement works and the Winchester Movement Strategy (WMS).</p> <p>5. That authority be delegated to the Head of Programme to make any minor amendments to the Strategy.</p> <p>6. That authority be delegated to the Head of Programme in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to liaise with Hampshire County Council and bus operators and to agree funding to support bus</p>	<p>within the city centre and within the market towns. There was some misunderstanding that all parts of the district might be subject to an identical approach which resulted in a significant number of unsupportive comments particularly from Bishop’s Waltham. These comments are acknowledged and it is reconfirmed that individual Parking and Access Plans for the market towns will be developed to meet particular and local needs in collaboration with local groups, parish and town councils and ward members.</p> <p>A new Parking &amp; Access Strategy is required to consider the changes to the current parking strategy and is a key part of implementing</p>	

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		<p>service improvements in support of the parking and access strategy.</p>	<p>the Winchester Movement Strategy, also reflecting the current climate emergency action plan and planned/ potential development proposals. The Strategy provides a framework for decision making for the next ten years, with a scheduled review after five years. The Strategy includes additional investment in park and ride bus services and parking spaces, parking management and parking enforcement as well as other measures to encourage access to our town and village centres such as bike parking and support for public and community transport.</p>	
<b>A9</b>	Revised Local Development Scheme	1. That the revised Winchester District	To revise the current Local Development Scheme which	It is a legal requirement to have an up to date LDS and

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		<p>Local Development Scheme 2020, as set out in Appendix 1 to report CAB3226, be approved and brought into immediate effect; and</p> <p>2. That authority is delegated to the Strategic Planning Manager, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, to undertake minor updating and drafting of any amendments required to the revised Winchester District Local Development Scheme 2020 prior to publication and to publish the revised Winchester District Local Development Scheme 2020.</p>	<p>was brought into effect in December 2018. The Council is legally required to produce and keep up to date a Local Development Scheme (LDS) that provides a programme for the production of the Winchester District Development Framework.</p>	<p>for the LDS to be accessible. The LDS is a project management tool and is able to be updated as required to ensure that provides certainty to the local community and stakeholders about the preparation and subsequent adoption process of DPDs. Alternative timetables for the production of the LDS have been considered.</p>

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A10	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Property Acquisitions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That, in addition to the approval to acquire properties set out in CAB3216, that approval be given to allow the substitution of alternative properties, subject to consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management, that any alternative properties meet the Council's viability tests and that the overall value of purchases by the end of March 2020 does not exceed the £3m allocated for this purpose.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Service Lead Legal to negotiate, prepare documentation and complete the</li> </ol>	<p>The HRA 2020/21 Budget Options report (CAB3216) gave approval to purchase specific properties to make use of Right to Buy 1-4-1 receipts before the end of March 2020. Report CAB3231 updates Cabinet on progress to date and seeks approval to allow for the substitution of alternative properties which are in accordance with the objectives of the Council Plan and the Council's viability tests, if any of the identified properties are not acquired.</p>	<p>The Council could have decided to pay back any outstanding unspent Right to Buy 1-4-1 receipts to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) at the end of March 2020 without a short term programme of property acquisitions. The potential repayment to MHCLG is calculated at up to £1.3m, which would support £4.25m capital expenditure on housing.</p>

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		<p>necessary transactions in accordance within the agreed Heads of Terms for the purchase of the properties identified in CAB3216 and for any substituted properties.</p>		
<p><b>A11</b></p>	<p>Procurement and Contract Management Strategy</p>	<p>That the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy 2020-2025 be approved.</p>	<p>The Strategy sets out how the council will take steps to direct its external spend on goods, services and works to meet our priorities. Our focus will be on the work we need to do to achieve savings, meet our legal obligations and to deliver wider local economic, environmental and social benefit in communities.</p>	<p>It is not a statutory requirement to have a strategy but to do so provides a clear link to council Plan priorities and contributes towards meeting these and also provides direction to officers in the procurement and contract management lifecycle.</p> <p>The council could decide not to have its own strategy and adopt the LGA's National Procurement Strategy 2018, but this would not reflect our own local priorities.</p>

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A12	Revision and Update of Discretionary Housing Payments Policy	That the proposed Discretionary Housing Payment policy (2020) policy be approved as set out in Appendix A of report CAB3225.	<p>Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP's) are awarded to people who are entitled to either Housing Benefit, or the housing cost element of Universal Credit, when they require further financial assistance with their housing costs.</p> <p>The current policy restricts payment on some claims despite legislation allowing for those payments. The revised policy removes restrictions, and some unnecessary criteria, which are not required for the determination of a DHP. Also, the payment of DHP to help with rent arrears is clarified.</p>	To retain the existing DHP Policy. This was rejected in order to streamline the criteria necessary for considering an award in the DHP administration process. The current policy contains the requirement to meet unnecessary criteria and prevents the Council from topping up the DHP fund, despite legislation allowing this.

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A13	Aquind Interconnector Response to Examination Stage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the contents of report CAB3229 be noted and that the points set out in this report that will form the basis of the Councils response to the application.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Service Lead Built Environment after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing, to make representations, submissions and decisions and respond to questions and issues raised by the Examining Authority to the Planning Inspectorate and Aquind during the Pre-Examination and Examination Stage.</li> </ol>	<p>Having gone through the pre application stage over the past 18 months Aquind have now formally submitted their application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that would enable them to build a cross channel interconnector, linking the UK and French electricity grid systems. The Scheme is being considered as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). Winchester City Council is one of the host authorities and as such a formal consultee in the determination process.</p> <p>The purpose of report CAB3229 is to set out the background and the current status of the Aquind Interconnector scheme and the application. It considers</p>	<p>Do Nothing: To not respond would not be fulfilling the City Councils obligations to participate in the process as statutory consultee. The City Council would miss the opportunity to influence the development of the scheme and secure the best outcome for the community.</p>



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		<p>3. That the contact group established with Denmead Parish Council, Hambledon Parish Council, Newlands Parish Council and Ward Councillors in respect of the Aquind application for a Development Consent Order be maintained until the end of the Examination process.</p>	<p>the position that the Council should adopt and how it should respond during the Examination Stage which is likely to extend from April through to September 2020 This needs to be set in the context of the forthcoming local government elections of 7 May 2020 and the Purdah period that precedes them which starts on 24 March 2020.</p>	