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Part A – Items considered in public

A5	Approval of Strategic Housing & Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) for publication	<p>1) That the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) 2021, attached at Appendix 1 to report CAB3316 and the Register of 'Green Sites', attached at Appendix 2 to the report, be approved and they are both published as part of the evidence base for the new Local Plan; and</p> <p>2) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Planning Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Built Environment, to make any necessary edits</p>	<p>The Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) is a key part of the evidence base for the new Local Plan. The SHELAA is a register of the sites that the Council has been advised by developers and landowners that <u>could be</u> potentially available for development and will inform how the Council shapes the development strategy in the new Local Plan.</p> <p>The SHELAA only identifies sites which have been submitted to the Council, it does not allocate sites for development. The inclusion of the site in the SHELAA does not imply that the</p>	<p>The preparation of a SHELAA is required by Government as part of the Local Plan evidence base. In effect therefore there is no option but to prepare one and failure to do so could result in successful challenges to the Local Plan.</p> <p>It is not a requirement by Government to undertake a call for 'Green Sites' but given the council's climate emergency declaration it was considered to widen the call for sites so that it covers these sites and to include these on a separate register.</p>
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		<p>and minor alterations prior to the publication of the SHELAA 2021 and the Green sites register.</p>	<p>Council would necessarily seek to allocate the land for development or grant planning permission for its development. It is only a register of sites that developers/landowners have put forward for development.</p> <p>An initial first stage assessment has been completed in order to determine whether they may be suitable for development in the broadest sense and, in principle, what their capacity would be using a standard housing densities. Unlike previous SHELAA's for completeness, all of the sites have been included in this update Assessment. More detailed work including discussions with Parish Councils/New Alresford Town Council/Town Forum</p>	

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			<p>will take place over the coming months in terms of which SHELAA sites would meet the development strategy in the new Local Plan. The inclusion of a site in the SHELAA is not at this stage in the process a judgement as to whether it should be allocated for future development to meet the growth needed in the new plan as further assessment work needs to be undertaken over the coming months.</p> <p>A SHELAA has been updated following a “call for sites” which ran alongside the consultation on the Strategic Issues & Priorities consultation (15th February – 12th April 2021). The “call for sites” and production of a SHELAA will need to be updated at the Regulation 18</p>	

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			<p>stage and at other key stages in the Plan-making process.</p> <p>The call for sites is different from previous ones as it included a call for 'Green sites' which were sites for Biodiversity Net Gain and Offsetting, Green Infrastructure, Carbon Offsetting, Nitrogen Offsetting and Renewable Energy generation. Sites submitted for these purposes are not included in this SHELAA, as the SHELAA focuses upon land available for residential or employment uses. These 'Green sites' have instead been included in a separate green sites register.</p>	

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A6	Update of WCC Landscape Character Assessment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document be approved, as set out within Appendix A of CAB3321. 2. That a six-week public consultation commence from 10th January 2022 to 21st February 2022 on the proposed Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document. 3. That following the consultation, a revised and final Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document is brought back to the March 2022 Cabinet meeting for adoption. 	<p>Report CAB3321 seeks Cabinet approval to commence the public consultation stage of the adoption of a Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (LCA SPD), which is a core landscape evidence base for planning and the existing and emerging Local Plan. This LCA SPD supports the Council Plan vision for a climate resilient district and the aim that <i>the natural and built environment is protected, maintained, sustained and enhanced</i>.</p> <p>Landscape consultants The Terra Firma Consultancy Ltd, who have considerable experience in the area of undertaking Landscape Character Assessments, were commissioned to lead</p>	<p>The option of updating the existing Landscape Character Assessment but not affording it the additional planning weight that a SPD would provide was an option considered. This was rejected as LCAs are vital in informing planning decisions and more weight can be given to a new document which has been through the SPD process before being formally adopted by the council.</p>

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			<p>on the development of an LCA SPD for the Council covering the whole district except for the area that lies within the SDNP.</p> <p>It is imperative that future development and changes in the landscape are managed coherently and without detriment on both the built and rural landscape. To this end the draft document will offer guidance to inform the policies in the adopted Local Plan which are currently used to determine planning applications and, in particular, policies CP7, CP15 and CP18-20 which deal with aspects of landscape character.</p> <p>Following the adoption of the emerging Local Plan in 2024 a further refresh may be</p>	

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			required to ensure the LCA SPD ties in with the Local Plan policies.	
A7	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Asset Management Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the updated HRA Asset Management Strategy included as Appendix 1 to report CAB3264 be adopted, subject to delegated authority being granted to the Corporate Head of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management, to make minor amendments to add clarification and reflect points made by the Business and Housing Policy Committee. 2. That the proposed criteria for disposals and acquisition of council dwellings be approved, as 	The HRA Asset Management Strategy sets out the focus of long term investment plans and key principles for managing housing assets. It seeks to ensure that the council makes best use of its stock to meet current and future housing need as well as addressing the emerging challenges such as the provision of energy efficiency homes and compliance with the Building a Safer Future regime.	Alternative options specific to some of the strategy elements such as reducing carbon emissions in HRA residential property were presented in other Cabinet reports.

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		<p>set out in the report in sections 16, 17 and 18.</p> <p>3. That the proposal to fund the provision of fire door sets to leasehold properties in the medium rise flats at Winnall be approved.</p>		
A8	Core funding grants programme 2022-2025	<p>1. That the council enters into three-year grant agreements period with the recipients of Strategic and Priority Outcome Fund grants for the years 2022/23 – 20/25, subject to approval each year of the council’s revenue budget.</p> <p>2. That the principles, criteria, funding priorities and outcomes for future grant allocations be approved, as shown in</p>	<p>The council’s current three-year cycle of grants awarded to the community and voluntary sector through the Strategic Fund and Priority Outcomes Fund comes to an end in March 2022, so it is necessary to review the grant award criteria and outcomes to ensure they remain in line with Council Plan priorities.</p> <p>As part of the council's budget management in face of financial challenges, there is a request to consider the</p>	Awarding grants on an annual basis rather than as part of a three-year agreement is an approach that was used prior to 2018. However, it was changed to provide greater security of funding that underpins the core costs of these important services and also give the council certainty regarding budgets for a three year period, removing any potential for budget pressures in this area for the duration of the agreement.

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		<p>appendix 1 of report CAB3323.</p> <p>3. That the approach to accommodate a 20% budget reduction and the allocation of budget between the Strategic and Priority Outcomes Funds for the financial year 2022/23 be noted.</p> <p>4. That the processes and timescale set out in report CAB3323 for the next funding round be approved.</p> <p>5. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Head of Economy and Community to agree the funding criteria, detailed outcomes, application processes and</p>	<p>options and implications for making a 20% reduction over a two year period (2021-22 and 2022-23) to the Strategic and Priority Outcome Funds. These two funds form a significant element (80%) of the community and voluntary sector grants programme.</p> <p>Report CAB3323:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognises the achievements and successes of the Strategic Fund and Priority Outcomes Fund programmes 2019/20 to 2021/22; - Proposes a refreshed set of principles and criteria for the next round of Strategic and Priority Outcome Funds, to ensure they remain relevant to 	<p>This rationale remains sound so the option of reverting to annual awards was discounted.</p> <p>The funding priorities and outcomes could remain wholly unchanged from those used during the last round of allocations in 2018, as they have been successful and have brought about positive outcomes as discussed in the report. However, the current Council Plan places a greater emphasis on tackling inequality and disadvantage which are issues at the heart of the work funded by these grants, so it is proposed that these are given greater weight in the assessment process.</p>

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		<p>assessments, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing.</p> <p>6. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Head of Economy and Community to agree the allocation of grants, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing, and release the grant payments (in instalments where appropriate) based on performance data provided during the financial years.</p> <p>7. That authority be delegated to the Service Lead Legal to enter into the grant funding</p>	<p>current council priorities and reflect the latest and emerging Winchester district needs; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summarises options and implications for implementing a 20% budget reduction. 	<p>The 20% budget savings could be made in a number of alternative ways. The proposed allocations aim to prioritise support for key service providers through the Strategic Fund, while retaining some competitive funding through the Priority Outcomes Fund to allow new organisations to apply for council core funding. Alternative approaches and the implications of these options are summarised in paragraph 12.3 of report CAB3323.</p>

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		agreements allocated in accordance with the council's funding criteria.		
A9	Approving the joint municipal waste management strategy	Decision deferred.	Decision deferred following the postponement of Health and Environment Policy Committee on 7 December 2021.	n/a
A10	Q2 finance and performance monitoring	That the progress achieved during Q2 of 2021/22 be noted and the contents of the report CAB3320 be endorsed.	<p>Report CAB3320 and Appendix 1 provides a summary of the council's progress during the period July to September (Q2) 2021 against the five priorities in the refreshed Council Plan 2020-25, adopted by council on 24 February 2021.</p> <p>Appendix 2 provides a financial update for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as at 30 September 2021.</p> <p>Appendix 3 provides the</p>	None.

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			<p>data, where available, for Q2 against each of the Strategic Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and a brief narrative covering the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had or will have on performance.</p> <p>Appendix 4 includes highlight reports for each of the council's 'Tier 1' programmes and projects.</p> <p>Appendix 5 provides an update to the COVID-19 council services demand data from April 2020 to 30 September 2021.</p> <p>Appendix 6 are the action notes of the Performance Panel meeting that took place on 08 November 2021.</p>	