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**Part A – Items considered in public**

A8	Asset Management Plan 2022 - 2027	That the Asset Management Strategy 2022 to 2027 be approved.	<p>The Council’s non-housing property assets (the Estate) play a significant role in generating rental income and creating opportunity for social, economic, environmental, and cultural and regeneration interventions.</p> <p>The purpose of the Asset Management Strategy is to identify strategic objectives that the Estate needs to address, to make sure that Council land and buildings fully support overarching corporate plan policy and direction. For example, taking action to decarbonise the Council’s corporate occupied, community asset</p>	Adopting an Asset Management Strategy is considered best practice to ensure the council is making best use of its assets and to inform future budgets and the Capital Strategy. Not having a clear asset strategy is likely to result in unforeseen resource needs and poor investment decisions.
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			<p>and investment properties.</p> <p>The Strategy document identifies key challenges, solutions and projects that will support the Council's vision and success over the next five years.</p>	
<b>A9</b>	Pride in Place - Parking and access improvement programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That, subject to Full Council approval of the Budget and Capital Investment Strategy in February 2023, expenditure of £580,000 for the car park major works programme 2023/24 be approved, as outlined in appendix A of CAB3384.</li> <li>2. That a 2-year fixed term post for a Project Officer be approved to support delivery of this programme of work</li> </ol>	<p>The purpose of report CAB3384 is to consider and agree the proposed Parking and Access Improvement Programme for 2023/24 and an indicative programme for 2024/25. This programme is an important aspect of the Council's Pride in Place objective.</p> <p>The programme consists of both capital and revenue expenditure and is part of the Council's Asset Management Plan and delivery of the Parking and Access Strategy</p>	<p>If we do not invest in decarbonisation and air quality initiatives, we will fail to deliver core council priorities in both these areas.</p> <p>Not investing in Council car parks and their infrastructure may lead to financial loss if car parks are not able to be used or are unattractive to drivers. Losses may also result if accidents occur which generate successful claims against the Council. There is also a risk of reputational damage to the</p>

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		<p>funded from the parking reserve fund.</p> <p>3. That it be noted that the indicative programme for 2024/25 is yet to be fully defined subject to condition surveys and further evaluation work being completed.</p> <p>4. That authority be delegated to the Head of Programme in consultation with the Corporate Head of Asset Management and Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, authority to procure and to make minor adjustments to the programme in order to meet maintenance and operational needs of the car park service</p>	<p>across the whole district.</p> <p>The City of Winchester Movement Strategy recognises the importance of parking as a means to help manage traffic movements through the city and, as part of this objective, the need for additional park and ride provision has been identified. Parking management is also a tool to support wider traffic management which enables us to address the Climate Emergency and improve air quality.</p> <p>The report also covers progress made in 2022/23 programme for maintaining and improving parking assets and sets out additional proposals for maintenance and enhancements of car parks for 2023/24 and</p>	<p>Council, and an adverse impact on the city and market towns' economies, through lack of good quality parking provision which help to underpin these locations in terms of meeting business and visitor needs.</p>

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		<p>throughout the year, as required.</p>	<p>beyond including proposals for digital transformation and customer service improvements in relation to parking services.</p> <p>An update is provided within the report on works still to be delivered or that are no longer required as the business needs have changed. A key part of this has been the impact of, and the response to, COVID 19 which has had a significant effect on traffic levels, parking patterns, and driver behaviour. It has also had a direct impact on progress on a number of projects. A further impact has been the decision by the County Council to take back the on-street parking enforcement, which requires a significant amount of planning, on top of</p>	

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			<p>which the financial outlook caused by international uncertainty has increased inflation and required some tariff amendments in the agreed medium term financial strategy.</p>	
<b>A10</b>	Winchester City Council Carbon Offsetting Policy	<p>1 That the Winchester City Council Offsetting Policy be approved, with regard to a hierarchy approach of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Carbon emission reduction</li> <li>1.2 Carbon credits creation</li> <li>1.3 Carbon removal</li> <li>1.4 Buying carbon credits from accredited UK schemes.</li> </ul> <p>2 That the inclusion of the Offsetting Policy into the Annual Carbon Neutrality</p>	<p>Report CAB3386 presents the approach to be adopted by Winchester City Council to help meet its carbon neutrality target by 2024 in the form of an offsetting policy for the council's own carbon emissions.</p> <p>A range of options and approaches were presented to the Health and Environment Policy Committee in March 2022 and this proposed policy draws on that work. A clear policy direction was given that offsetting should be</p>	<p>Do not set out a policy approach to offsetting council residual carbon emissions. This option was rejected. In order to verifiable carbon offsetting that supports the approach that offsetting is a last resort it is necessary to have a clear and accountable framework to guide carbon reduction and removal project work.</p> <p>Purchase carbon credits from international offset projects. This option was rejected. Debate on the report at the Health &amp; Environment</p>

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		<p>Action Plan 2023 be approved.</p>	<p>considered as the last option and that carbon elimination, reduction and removal actions should be taken first. It also references the recently produced Winchester District Carbon Neutrality Roadmap. Although the prime focus of that work is the wider district carbon emissions and this policy is for the council's operation carbon emission it does have an important relationship in particular regard to nature based solutions.</p> <p>Determining the route and approach that will help the council to be carbon neutral demonstrates the enhanced focus on going greener faster to address the climate change challenges the district and its residents and</p>	<p>Committee on the approaches to carbon offsetting in March and in the workshops held when the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan was being developed in late 2019, strongly voiced the desire retain the co-benefits of energy generation and nature based offsetting solutions within the district, region or lastly the UK.</p>

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			businesses are facing.	
<b>A11</b>	Ukrainian Resettlement and Integration programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Homes for Ukraine Move-on Accommodation &amp; Community Integration – proposed spending plan 2023 to 2025 be approved, as set out in Table 4 of report CAB3383.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Service Lead Communities and Wellbeing and Service Lead for Strategic Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Housing to amend the 2023-2025 spending plan as needs and requirements of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme change.</li> </ol>	<p>Report CAB3383 provides an indicative spending plan for the funding allocated to the council by Hampshire County Council under the government’s Homes for Ukraine scheme.</p> <p>This plan covers two new areas of support work to help Ukrainian families and individuals to move into their own accommodation and settle into their local communities. The spending plan is for the period 2023 to 2025.</p>	<p>Do not accept the HFU funding allocation. This option is rejected as the council is not resourced to deliver the housing and community support required by Ukrainian refugee guests and families seeking to live in the district.</p> <p>Delay approval of a spending plan until more detailed information can be provided. This option is rejected as there is an immediate need to provide housing and community support to the hundreds of guests and families that have already been welcomed to the district. By devising a high level plan, specific and bespoke actions can be developed in partnership with</p>

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				community & voluntary organisations, local communities and Ukrainians. It is not possible to predetermine the exact nature of the support wanted or needed over the next two years.