

Report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet

Meeting held on 22 February 2017

This is my report as the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet. It is an overview of the main business considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 22 February 2017. However, it should be noted that three items of business; the detailed Revenue Budget for 2017-18, the Capital Programme 2017-18 to 2020-21 and the Pay Policy Statement 2017-18 were recommendations to Council and therefore these have already been considered earlier on this agenda.

1. Economic Strategy 2017-2022

- 1.1 We agreed to adopt an Economic Strategy for the period 2017-2022.
- 1.2 The Strategy has been designed to stimulate more investment, jobs and visitors to Spelthorne to further the overall economic wellbeing and prosperity of the Borough and its residents in accordance with the Council's Corporate Plan.

2. Annual Grants Awards 2017-18

- 2.1 We considered a report on the proposed grants to organisations in the voluntary and community sectors for 2017-18 and other support for charities and community organisations.
- 2.2 We agreed grants of £209,600 to the organisations set out in the report and the ring-fencing of £43,000 to support the provision of services formerly provided by Voluntary Action in Spelthorne and Age UK Runnymede and Spelthorne.
- 2.3 We agreed to give delegated authority to the Leader, in consultation with either the Deputy Leader or the Chief Executive or the Deputy Chief Executive (for Finance) to award Windfall Grants.

3. Grant of a new lease

- 3.1 We agreed, in principle, to grant a new lease for the facility at the Pavilion, Ashford Recreation Ground, Clockhouse Lane, Ashford, which would enable a well-supported community group to continue using the facility and bring an ongoing income stream to the Council for the next 15 years.

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Leader of the Council

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