

## DECISIONS

Item number	Recommendation/ Referral	Details from Cabinet	Status
DECARBONISATION OF LEISURE CENTRES CONTRACT AWARD UPDATE			
24	<p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That Overview and Scrutiny noted the report and provided comment to Cabinet on the report.</p> <p>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS: To enable Overview and Scrutiny the opportunity to scrutinise the progress to date of the leisure decarbonisation project, including spend to date and anticipated increases in capital budget expenditure, as well as loss of revenue implications, prior to the contract award decision being considered by Cabinet on 20 May 2025</p> <p><a href="#">O&amp;S committee meeting - Tuesday 6th May 2025 @ 7.30pm</a></p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet:</p> <p>(1) Agreed to increase the project capital budget to £16.271 million. (2) Approved the extension of the lido seasons at both Hitchin and Letchworth as per paragraphs 8.13-8.14. (3) Approved the changes to the 2025/26 General Fund budget, resulting from the planned closures and extended opening of the lidos, a £937k increase in net expenditure. (4) Awarded the leisure decarbonisation construction contract to Willmott Dixon Construction at a value of £15.890 million.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS: To enable Cabinet to review the progress of the leisure decarbonisation project, including spend to date and anticipated increases in capital budget expenditure, as well as revenue implications (loss of income during closures and net costs of extending outdoor pool opening), and approve the award of the construction contract to Willmott Dixon Construction</p> <p><a href="#">Cabinet meeting Tuesday 20th May 2025 @ 7.30pm</a></p>	Open

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CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE ACTION PLAN			
23	<p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee commented on the proposed Action Plan, and referred it onto Cabinet, to be considered on 18 March 2025.</p> <p>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: To ensure that the Council responded to the matters identified within the CPC report, ensuring that the benefits of the CPC process are realised.</p> <p><a href="#">O&amp;S committee meeting - Tuesday, 11th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	<p>RESOLVED: That the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan was approved.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that the Council responds to the matters identified within the CPC report, ensuring that the benefits of the CPC process are realised.</p> <p><a href="#">Cabinet meeting Tuesday, 18th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	Open

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MUSEUM STORAGE OPTIONS - PART 1			
22	<p><b>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:</b></p> <p>That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that: Cabinet approve the acquisition of Unit 1 City Park, Letchworth Garden City on the terms set out in the Part 2 report and noting the detailed Budget Cost Plan for adapting, fitting out and upgrading the building for museum storage.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:</b></p> <p>A limited number of modern buildings of this age and size become available to purchase or lease in Letchworth Garden City and surrounding area, particularly one on a long lease at a peppercorn rent for the full term, with an expiry date in 2150. Unit 1 includes land fronting Works Road and to the side of the unit, plus a large part of the car park with the ability to erect a fence to separate the area from the rest of the car park used by adjoining units. In addition, the Council already owns the long leasehold interest in Unit 3 City Park, Letchworth Garden City, having acquired it in June 2016 with that building being used for general archive storage, IT servers, offsite disaster recovery, careline business continuity and legal department storage.</p> <p><a href="#">O&amp;S committee meeting - Tuesday, 11th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That Cabinet approved the acquisition of Unit 1 City Park, Letchworth Garden City on the terms set out in the Part 2 report and noting the detailed Budget Cost Plan for adapting, fitting out and upgrading the building for museum storage.</p> <p><b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b></p> <p>A limited number of modern buildings of this age and size become available to purchase or lease in Letchworth Garden City and surrounding area, particularly one on a long lease at a peppercorn rent for the full term, with an expiry date in 2150. Unit 1 includes land fronting Works Road and to the side of the unit, plus a large part of the car park with the ability to erect a fence to separate the area from the rest of the car park used by adjoining units. In addition, the Council already owns the long leasehold interest in Unit 3 City Park, Letchworth Garden City, having acquired it in June 2016 with that building being used for general archive storage, IT servers, offsite disaster recovery, careline business continuity and legal department storage.</p> <p><a href="#">Cabinet meeting Tuesday, 18th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	Open

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MUSEUM STORAGE OPTIONS - PART 2			
21	<p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:</p> <p>That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that:</p> <p>Cabinet approve the acquisition of Unit 1 City Park, Letchworth Garden City on the terms set out in the Part 2 report and noting the detailed Budget Cost Plan for adapting, fitting out and upgrading the building for museum storage at Appendix A.</p> <p>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>A limited number of modern buildings of this age and size become available to purchase or lease in Letchworth Garden City and surrounding area, particularly one on a long lease at a peppercorn rent for the full term, with an expiry date in 2150. Unit 1 includes land fronting Works Road and to the side of the unit, plus a large part of the car park with the ability to erect a fence to separate the area from the rest of the car park used by adjoining units. In addition, the Council already owns the long leasehold interest in Unit 3 City Park, Letchworth Garden City, having acquired it in June 2016 with that building being used for general archive storage, IT servers, offsite disaster recovery, careline business continuity and legal department storage.</p> <p><a href="#">O&amp;S committee meeting - Tuesday, 11th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet approved the acquisition of Unit 1 City Park, Letchworth Garden City on the terms set out in the Part 2 report and noting the detailed Budget Cost Plan for adapting, fitting out and upgrading the building for museum storage at Appendix A.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION:</p> <p>A limited number of modern buildings of this age and size become available to purchase or lease in Letchworth Garden City and surrounding area, particularly one on a long lease at a peppercorn rent for the full term, with an expiry date in 2150. Unit 1 includes land fronting Works Road and to the side of the unit, plus a large part of the car park with the ability to erect a fence to separate the area from the rest of the car park used by adjoining units. In addition, the Council already owns the long leasehold interest in Unit 3 City Park, Letchworth Garden City, having acquired it in June 2016 with that building being used for general archive storage, IT servers, offsite disaster recovery, careline business continuity and legal department storage.</p> <p><a href="#">Cabinet meeting Tuesday, 18th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	Open

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CALLED IN ITEM - PROPOSED PARKING TARIFFS 2025/26			
20	<p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:</p> <p>That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that:</p> <p>(1) Cabinet reconsiders the proposed on-street and off-street charging tariffs in Royston and Knebworth in light of the information received at the meeting.</p> <p>(2) Cabinet considers the increase in parking charges based on the updated modelling, specifically around the 4% increase in charges, where this had not been applied to all charges.</p> <p>(3) Cabinet notes the importance of Overview &amp; Scrutiny in supporting Cabinet in reaching robust policy decisions and works with the Chair of the Committee to effectively facilitate this.</p> <p><a href="#">O&amp;S committee meeting - Tuesday, 11th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	<p>(1) Accepted the hard work from Royston Town Council, and the BID, and the support from them in relation to the 'Free after 3pm' scheme and to continue work with Knebworth Parish Council and to delegate the final decision on these discount schemes to the relevant Service Director, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport, the Executive Member for Finance and IT and the Service Director – Resources.</p> <p>(2) Considered the increase in parking charges based on the updated modelling, specifically around the 4% increase in charges and reconfirmed the decision made by Cabinet on 11 February 2025.</p> <p>(3) Endorsed the importance of Overview &amp; Scrutiny in supporting Cabinet in reaching robust policy decisions and works with the Chair of the Committee to effectively facilitate this.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISIONS: To implement an increase in car parking tariffs and permits within resident parking zones in order to effectively manage their use and in accordance with the Council's fees and charges policy as set out in its Medium- Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). To set car parking tariffs that support the achievement of modal shift away from private car use and to help support the vitality of town centres.</p> <p><a href="#">Cabinet meeting Tuesday, 18th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	Open

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RIPA REPORT			
19	<p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: The adoption of the amended RIPA Policy (Appendix A).</p> <p>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION: To comply with the best practice guidance and the Committee's terms of reference.</p> <p><a href="#">O&amp;S committee meeting - Tuesday, 11th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet adopted the amended RIPA Policy (Appendix A – to include updated titles within the appendix to the Policy after 1 April 2025).</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To comply with the best practice guidance and the Committee's terms of reference</p> <p><a href="#">Cabinet meeting Tuesday, 18th March 2025 @ 7.30 pm</a></p>	Open