

District Councillors Report December 2019.

Housing Development Programme.

Cabinet recommends to Council that:

- # a Local Housing Company be established and a budget of £30,000 be allocated from earmarked reserves to undertake this
- # a £200m Housing Development Programme to be delivered by the LHC be approved and financially supported by the Council
- # the Programme aims to complete 1,000 new homes with mixed tenure by 2035
- # the LHC be financially supported to purchase land on which to build new homes, accessing borrowing to do so
- # £60,000/year be provided to appoint a Housing Development Programme Manager.

Council Tax

Central Government is suggesting that increases to Council Tax be limited to 2%, instead of 3% at present, but is also considering a concession for District Councils to increase up to £5, whichever is the greater. RDC will increase Council Tax by the maximum permitted. Despite this, voluntary staff redundancies are being sought in the first instance.

Development & Site Allocations Plan (DASA)

The DASA provides the basis for determining planning applications. Cabinet recommends to Council that the submitted DASA, amended to include all the main modifications recommended by the Planning Inspector be adopted.

Rother District Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

It is recommended that RDC grant £85,000 p.a. for the next four years to the CAB and should assist the CAB with sourcing and, if required, relocating to suitable premises in Bexhill Town centre and explore further funding through Town and Parish Councils.

Councillors Tony Ganly and Martin Mooney.