

Agenda Item No: 9

Meeting of the Council

19 February 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET

General Fund Budget 2018/19

Details of proposed amendments received from Councillor Denis:

Budget 2018/2019 Amendments:

Motion of investigating un-permitted accommodation and business on rural/farm sites

In some more rural parts of Lewes District, there appears to be an increasing number of mobile homes and static caravans on farms and in rural settings and diversification in to workspaces of one kind or another. There is disquiet that some of these homes and businesses are unregulated because they are unseen. This proposal is about establishing and recording the extent of un-permitted homes and businesses and making recommendations to the Council which may include formalising permissions, ensuring the habitable quality of such homes, establishing the extent of the financial benefit to the Council in terms of extending the tax base and electoral roll, while ensuring that conditions akin to modern slavery are not given a toehold in our District, supporting the regularisation of appropriate rural business and identifying the extent of benefit of the financial to the tax base through Uniform Business Rates.

1. I MOVE THAT £15,000 is allocated from reserves to carry out the investigation and reporting of recommendations to Council into unregulated rural accommodation.

2. I MOVE THAT £15,000 is further allocated from reserves to carry out the investigation and reporting of recommendations to Council into unregulated rural enterprise.