

Decisions taken by the Cabinet On 8 February 2023



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

Notice dated: 09 February 2023

Issued to the Chairman, members of the Scrutiny Committee and other Councillors for information.

Key decisions will be implemented after the expiry of 5 working days from the date of this notice unless “called-in” under the provisions of the council’s scrutiny procedure rules (see end of document for call-in procedure) or implemented sooner by reason of urgency.

Please refer to the relevant cabinet agenda and reports when reading this notice. The minutes of the meeting of the cabinet containing a full record of the proceedings will be published in due course. To view on-line follow this link to the relevant pages on [the Council's website: https://democracy.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=125](https://democracy.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=125)

Item No	Matter:	Decision:	Reasons for Decision:
7	Corporate performance - quarter 3 - 2022/23	(Non-key decision): To note the achievements and progress against Corporate Plan priorities for 2022-23, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council’s progress and performance.
8	General Fund Revenue	Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy	The Cabinet must recommend to Full

<p>Budget 2023/24 and Capital Programme</p>	<p>framework)</p> <p>(1) The General Fund Budget 2023/24 (original) and projected MTFs as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) The General Fund Budget 2022/23 (revised) as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>(3) An increase in the Council Tax for Eastbourne Borough Council of 2.99% (per annum) resulting in a Band D charge for general expenses of £269.68 (per annum) for 2023/24.</p> <p>(4) The revised General Fund Capital Programme 2023/24 as set out at Appendix 6 to the report.</p> <p>(5) The Council introduce from 1 April 2024 a new discretionary Council Tax premium on second homes of up to 100% and apply a premium of up to 100% on homes which have been empty for longer than 1 year following the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill becoming law.</p> <p>(6) To note the Section 151 Officer's sign off as outlined in the report.</p> <p>(7) To approve flexible use of capital receipts to fund its transformation and improvement plans, as included in its Recovery and Stabilisation phase 2 programme.</p> <p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(8) To give delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet member for finance to make any late adjustments necessary following the</p>	<p>Council the setting of a revenue budget and associated Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year by law.</p>
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		announcement of final financial settlement, prior to Full Council submission.	
9	Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2023/24, Capital Strategy & Investment Strategy	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>(1) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy for 2023/24 as set out at Appendix A to the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2023/24 as set out at paragraph 8 of the report.</p> <p>(3) To approve the Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2023/24 to 2025/26, as set out at paragraph 6 of the report.</p> <p>(4) To approve the Capital Strategy set out at Appendix E to the report.</p>	It is a requirement within the budget setting process for the Council to review and approve the Prudential and Treasury indicators, Treasury Strategy, Capital Strategy and Investment Strategy.
10	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2023/24 and HRA Capital Programme 2022-26	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>(1) The HRA budget for 2023/24 and revised 2022/23 budget as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) That social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are increased by 7% in line with government policy.</p> <p>(3) That the average General Needs Housing Benefit (HB) Eligible service charge will be £5.39 per week.</p>	The Cabinet must recommend to Full Council the setting of the HRA revenue and capital budget and the level of social and affordable housing rents for the forthcoming year.

		<p>(4) That the average HB Eligible service charge for Retirement Housing will be £38.36 per week.</p> <p>(5) That the Support charge for Retirement Housing will be £5.82 per unit.</p> <p>(6) That the average Non-HB Eligible heating charges will be £3.73 per week.</p> <p>(7) That the average non-HB Eligible water charges will be £3.56.</p> <p>(8) That Garage rents are increased by 7%.</p> <p>(9) To grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holders for Financial Services and Direct Assistance Service and the Chief Finance Officer to finalise Eastbourne Homes' Management Fee and Delivery Plan.</p> <p>(10) The HRA Capital Programme as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.</p>	
11	Congress and Devonshire Park Theatres - Future Governance Arrangements	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To note the update on work to date and to authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Tourism and Culture Services, to take all necessary actions in relation to the project to create the Local Authority Controlled Company including determining the terms of and authorising execution of all documentation.</p> <p>(2) To develop further the plans for the creation of the</p>	The recommendations build on investment made to date which has enhanced the offer of the Congress and Devonshire Park Theatres and promote the future of the facilities and the cultural offer for Eastbourne. The proposed, new governance offer would introduce financial safeguards for the council while increasing opportunities for the theatres to raise funds and access funding streams

		<p>charitable entity for a future decision by Cabinet.</p> <p>(3) To agree provision of £50,000 to be made available to support the initial steps towards delivery of the new governance arrangement.</p>	<p>unavailable to local authority-owned and operated facilities.</p>
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Call-in procedure

Call-in is the procedure whereby a decision of the Cabinet, the Leader or a portfolio holder, or a member or officer with delegated authority (an executive decision), taken but not implemented, may be examined by the Scrutiny Committee prior to implementation.

In order to ensure that call-in is not abused, nor causes unreasonable delay, certain limitations are to be placed on its use. These are:

- (a) Only decisions involving new operational policies or strategic initiatives, unbudgeted expenditure or reductions in service may be called in.
- (b) A recommendation of the Executive to the Full Council is not a decision that may be called-in.
- (c) A minimum of three members of the Scrutiny Committee from at least two political groups must request that a decision be called in.
- (d) Substitute members of the Scrutiny Committee shall not be entitled to call-in decisions except when the call-in request is made at a meeting of the Committee and when the substitute member is taking the place of another member in accordance with Rule 4.4 of the Council Procedure Rules; and
- (e) Written notice of a request to call-in a decision shall be given to the Chief Executive and the notice shall be signed by the Councillors making the request.

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