CABINET Wednesday, 9 December 2015 Decision notice (including Key Decisions)



Notice dated: 10 December 2015

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This notice is issued in accordance with cabinet procedure rule 9 of the council's constitution. Key decisions are indicated with other decisions listed for information.

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DECISIONS:

Item No	Matter:	Decision: 'KEY' if key decision 'BPF' if budget and policy framework	Reasons if Key decision:
7.	Corporate performance - Quarter 2 2015/16	KEY (1) Performance be agreed. (2) General fund, housing revenue account and collection fund financial performance for the quarter ended September 2015 agreed. (3) Transfer from reserves (strategic change fund) of £75k for payment to iESE agreed. (4) Capital programme be agreed. (5) Treasury management performance agreed.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
8.	Corporate plan 2016/20	KEY (1) Approach and timeline to the development of the new corporate plan agreed. (2) Suggestions for revisions and updates to the aims within the corporate plan themes and projects to be brought forward. (3) Headline consultation outcomes set out in section 4 of the report noted and use of	As given in the report to Cabinet.

		this information as a key guide in determining future priority projects endorsed.	
9.	Council budget 2016/17 - draft budget proposals	KEY (1) Draft budget proposals agreed for the purposes of for consultation. (2) Approach to dealing with changes in the expected resources available for the 2016/17 budget, as detailed in para. 5.3 of report, agreed. (3) Subject to there being no material change in the government settlement, cabinet minded to propose a council tax rise of 1.9% for 2016/17 to make a band D charge £228.45 for council services.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
10.	Council tax base and business rate income 2016/17	KEY (1) Provisional council tax base of 33,606.10 agreed for 2016/17. (2) Provisional retained business rates income amount of £3.947m for 2016/17 agreed. (3) Chief finance officer, in consultation with the lead cabinet member for finance, authorised to determine the final amounts for the council tax base and retained business rates income for 2016/17.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
11.	Housing revenue account (HRA) 30 year business plan	KEY (1) Content of report and work being undertaken to set a sustainable housing revenue account business plan noted. (2) Senior head of community, in consultation with the lead cabinet member for community, given delegated authority to respond to the government proposal to outline long term implications of the changes.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
12.	Devonshire Park project	BPF (1) Full council recommended to approve the addition of £44m to the capital programme to complete the scheme, subject to final due diligence. KEY (2) Support for the Devonshire Park redevelopment scheme as presented in report confirmed. (3) Officers instructed to continue to seek external funding sources. (4) Appointment of the existing multidisciplinary design team to complete the scheme be confirmed. (5) Approval given to the commencement of the public procurement processes referred	As given in the report to Cabinet.

		to in report to deliver the project and delegation of the detailed development, management and approval of the public procurement processes to be followed and of all the procurement documentation required to deliver project to the senior head of regeneration, planning and assets in consultation with chief finance officer, lawyer to the council, lead cabinet member and opposition spokesperson; such delegation to include approval to allowing exceptions to the council's contract procedure rules should that become necessary. (6) Delegated authority to appoint all the contractors necessary to deliver the project given to senior head of regeneration, planning and assets in consultation with chief finance officer, lawyer to the council, lead cabinet member and opposition spokesperson.	
13.	Contract rules and procurements	BPF (1) Full council recommended to approve the new contract procedure rules. KEY (2) Exception to existing contract procedure rules authorised in order to appoint East Sussex County Council directly to procure the council's energy supply and manage the council's energy services. (3) Exception to existing contract procedure rules authorised to procure the same software solution as Lewes District Council to manage community infrastructure levy payments as part of a shared service.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
14.	Employment land local plan	KEY (1) Revised proposed submission employment land local plan approved for publication for a six week period to receive representations on issues of soundness. (2) Senior head of regeneration, planning and assets given delegated authority, in consultation with lead cabinet member, to make minor amendments before commencement of representation period. (3) Following end of representation period, senior head given delegated authority, in consultation with Local Plan Steering Group, to submit employment land local plan to secretary of state for public examination. (4) Senior head given delegated authority, in consultation with lead cabinet member, to	As given in the report to Cabinet.

		authorise public consultation on proposed modifications as a result of the examination, if necessary.	
15.	Review of safeguarding children and vulnerable adult policy	KEY (1) Review of the council's safeguarding children and vulnerable adult policy noted. (2) Senior head of community given delegated authority, in consultation with the lead cabinet member, to approve amendments to the policy, subject to consultation with the Local Safeguarding and Children's Board (LSCB) and the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).	As given in the report to Cabinet.
16.	Gambling policy (statement of principles) 2016- 2019	BPF Full council recommended to approve the Council's gambling policy (statement of principles) 2013 – 2016.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
17.	Review of policies: (1) Street trading; (2) Sex establishments.	KEY Street trading and sex establishment and encounter policies approved.	As given in the report to Cabinet.

Confidential items (public summary information only):

Personal details of employee, information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings are exempt information under Access to Information and Freedom of Information Rules).

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19.	Community grants - Major and housing grants 2016/17 to 2018/19	KEY Agreed to award grants to voluntary and community organisations for the years 2016/17 to 2018/19, as set out in the report, amounting to £259,500 each year.	Grants support voluntary and community groups in the borough and assist the Council in meeting its wider corporate plan objectives. Details of the organisations benefiting and amounts would be made public in due course once recipients had been notified.	
20.	Redundancy and redeployment policy - activity update.	Update report on position of employees currently subject to the procedure noted.	_	

21. Corporate assets - investment based on report subterms and The senior regeneration assets was authority,

KEY Cabinet agreed the acquisition of the property based on terms set out in the report subject to agreement of terms and all due diligence. The senior head of regeneration, planning and assets was given delegated authority, in consultation with the lead cabinet member, to acquire the property either as a pure asset or as part of an asset holding vehicle.

The decision was in line with the council's corporate plan and medium term financial strategy (MTFS). The acquisition would enable the council to ensure the long term future of an important asset and further investment and development of the site would deliver regeneration and community benefits and potentially homes. Confidentiality was required at this early stage to protect the Council's interests in future negotiations and allow for the formulation of a communications strategy to engage with relevant stakeholders.

Inspection of background papers – Please see contact details listed in each report.

Further Information – The forward plan of key decisions, councillor contact details, committee membership lists and other related information are available from Local Democracy.

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