

CABINET
Wednesday, 3 February
2016
Decision notice
 (including Key Decisions)



Notice dated: 4 February 2016

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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.	Coastal Communities Fund (CCF).	KEY (1) Progress of scheme noted. (2) Financial procedure rules waived to allow award of a 10-year lease to the University of Brighton for the café in Princes Park. (3) Senior head, in consultation with lead cabinet member, authorised to take all necessary steps to complete the lease arrangements with the University of Brighton.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
8.	General fund revenue budget 2016/17 and capital programme 2015/19.	BPF Full council, at meeting on 17 February 2016, recommended to approve: (a) General fund budget for 2015/16 (revised) and 2016/17 (original) as set out in appendix 1 to report including growth and savings proposals for 2016/17 as set out in appendix 2 to report. (b) Increase in the council tax of 1.9% resulting in an unaltered 'Band D' charge of £228.51 for 2016/17. (c) General fund capital programme and financing	As given in the report to Cabinet.

		2015/19 as set out in appendix 3 to report. (d) Regarding the government's offer of a 4-year settlement, council be minded to accept offer subject to receipt of further detail and decision on whether or not to accept delegated to chief finance officer in consultation with lead cabinet member.	
9.	Treasury management and prudential indicators 2016/17.	BPF Full council, at meeting on 17 February 2016, recommended to approve: (a) Treasury management strategy and annual investment strategy as set out in report; (b) methodology for calculating the minimum revenue provision set out at paragraph 2.3 of report; (c) prudential and treasury indicators as set out in report; and (d) specified and non-specified investment categories listed in appendix 2 to report.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
10.	Housing revenue account (HRA) revenue budget and rent setting 2016/17 and HRA capital programme 2015/18.	BPF Full council, at meeting on 17 February 2016, recommended to approve: (a) HRA budget 2016/17 and revised 2015/16, as set out in appendix 1 to report; (b) social and affordable rents decreased by 1% in line with change in government policy; (d) service charges for general needs properties increased by 1.06%; (e) service charges for older persons' sheltered accommodation decreased by 7.14% to reflect a reduction in actual costs as well as notification of a reduction in heating and water costs; (f) heating costs set at a level designed to recover estimated actual cost; (g) water charges set at a level designed to recover estimated cost of metered consumption; (e) garage rents increased in line with RPI (as at September 2015) plus 1% at an average increase of 1.8%; (f) scheme to move new garage tenancies to market rent values for 2017/18 financial year to be examined; (g) delegated authority granted to senior head of community, in consultation with the lead cabinet members for community services and finance and the chief finance officer to finalise Eastbourne Homes' management fee and delivery plan; and (i) HRA capital programme as set out in appendix 2 to report.	As given in the report to Cabinet.
11.	Changes to housing	KEY (1) Senior head given delegated authority to dispose of 7 properties and freeholds of the	As given in the

	<p>strategy and housing revenue account (HRA) asset management strategy.</p>	<p>leasehold properties to existing occupiers where all have been sold as leasehold and to engage the use of external specialist advice, where necessary, to conduct homelessness reviews under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996. (2) Council to provide a loan on market terms to Eastbourne Housing Investment Company Ltd to enable company to purchase certain properties. (3) Representations to be made to local member of parliament seeking her support in challenging the government's intention to reduce the stock of social housing through the forced sale of 'high value' council stock to fund housing association 'right to buy' sales. BPF (4) Full council asked to approve the amendment to the councils scheme of delegation to officers as set out at report.</p>	<p>report to Cabinet.</p>
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<p>15.</p>	<p>Community grants programme 2016/17 - small grants.</p>	<p>KEY Grants awarded to voluntary and community organisations in 2016/17 subject to council approval of budget on 17 February and priorities for small grants in 2017/18 be agreed as set out in report.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Council investments.</p>	<p>KEY Cabinet agreed the principle of disposing of all or part of the council's financial interests in the subject asset and gave the senior head of community delegated authority to negotiate the sale in consultation with the leader of the council and the council's chief finance officer. A budget for legal work associated with the disposal was allocated.</p>	<p>The decision was in line with the council's corporate plan and medium term financial strategy (MTFS). The proceeds of any sale after deducting revenue costs would be a capital receipt and used to finance the council's capital programme. Confidentiality was required at this stage to protect the council's interests in future negotiations.</p>

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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