

# Decisions taken by the Cabinet

## On 12 December 2018



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

### **Notice dated: 13 December 2018**

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:- <http://democracy.eastbourne.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=125>

## **DECISIONS:**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Matter:</b>	<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Reasons for decision:</b>
7	Corporate performance - quarter 2 2018/19	<b>(Non-key decision):</b>  (1) To note the achievements and progress against Corporate Plan priorities for 2018/19, as set out in part A of the report.  (2) To agree the General Fund, HRA and Collection Fund financial performance for the quarter ended September 2018 as set out in part B of the report.	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council’s progress and performance.

		<p>(3) To agree the amended capital programme as set out at appendix 4 to the report.</p> <p>(4) To agree the Treasury Management performance as set out in section 5 in part B of the report.</p>	
8	Draft budget proposals 2019/20	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To agree the draft budget proposals for consultation.</p> <p>(2) To agree that subject to there being no material change in the government settlement that Cabinet is minded to propose a council tax rise of 2.99% for 2019/20 to make a Band D charge £246.84, in line with the current cap.</p> <p>(3) To note the updated medium term financial strategy.</p>	The Council is required by legislation to set a balanced budget. The report forms part of the process that will culminate in the Council Tax setting by the Council in February.
9	Council tax base and non-domestic rates income for 2019/20	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To agree the provisional Council Tax Base of 34,765.3 for 2019/20.</p> <p>(2) To agree that the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, determine the final amounts for the Council Tax Base for 2019/20.</p> <p>(3) To agree that the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, determine net yield from Business Rate income for 2019/20.</p>	Cabinet is required to approve the Tax Base which will be used for the purposes of calculating the 2019/20 Council Tax.

10	Community safety partnership annual report	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>That Cabinet note the achievements and activities of the Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership during 2017/18 and future risks/opportunities to performance.</p>	To consider progress on delivery of the current Community Safety Plan.
11	Sustainability policy	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>To approve the Sustainability Policy for adoption.</p>	To provide a policy frame work for Eastbourne Borough Council.
12	Sustainable energy investment feasibility	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer and Director of Planning and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place Services to fund up to £25,000 for the commissioning of Clear Sustainable Futures to undertake the feasibility study of deploying sustainable energy generation at the Sovereign Leisure Centre</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with CMT and the Cabinet Member for Place Services, to proceed with the recommended sustainable energy solution for the Sovereign Leisure Centre if this is demonstrated to be a viable investment up to a value of £1.45m.</p> <p>(3) To note that a similar request is being made to Lewes District Council to progress viability analysis on their projects at Avis Way depot and Sutton Road and that the work is being conducted concurrently with knowledge being shared.</p>	To reduce the carbon emissions of council developments; to enable the site to become a prosumer (a producer and consumer) of electricity and heat to reduce ongoing utility costs whilst also enabling income generation through provision of emerging grid flexibility services; to mitigate the impact of the development on the electrical grid and reduce utility costs.

14	Community and housing grants - Major grants	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To agree the allocation of the major and housing grant budgets as set out in the exempt report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the additions to the Community and Housing Grants Policy as set out in the exempt report.</p>	<p>The proposed allocation of budgets is in line with the Council's Community and Housing Grants policy and the council's strategic priorities for Thriving Communities</p> <p>The proposed amendments to the Community and Housing Grants Policy ensure that allocations of funding comply with current regulations.</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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