

# Decisions taken by the Cabinet On 11 September 2019



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

## Notice dated: 12 September 2019

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.**

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## **DECISIONS:**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Matter:</b>	<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Reasons for decision:</b>
7	Corporate performance - quarter 1 2019/20	<b>(Key decision)</b>  (1) To note the achievements and progress against Corporate Plan priorities for 2019-20, as set out in Part A of this report.  (2) To agree the General Fund, HRA and Collection Fund financial performance for the quarter, as set out in part B of the report.	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council’s progress and performance.

		(3) To approve the amended capital programme as set out in appendix 4 of the report.	
8	Climate emergency resolution	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>That £36k per annum be approved towards the cost of a dedicated post, shared with Lewes District Council, to develop and support the delivery of a Climate Change Strategy.</p>	Following the declaration of a climate emergency and a commitment by the Council to work in close partnership with local groups and stakeholders to deliver a carbon neutral town by 2030, this report seeks Cabinet's allocation of funds to enable the progression of the commitments made.
9	Pesticide policy and pollinator strategy	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To approve the Pesticide Policy for adoption.</p> <p>(2) To approve the Pollinator Strategy for adoption.</p>	To provide a framework and action plans for Eastbourne Borough Council in its approach to land management.
10	Access Audit	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To approve plans for an Access Audit.</p> <p>(2) To approve the establishment of an Access Accreditation Scheme for Eastbourne.</p>	An access audit and accreditation scheme would enable the council to determine the current levels of accessibility for disabled people of public buildings and services in the Borough. As well as raising the profile of access issues the audit could also act as a catalyst for driving improvements in accessibility.
11	Sovereign Energy Centre	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>To agree a budget of up to £115k to carry out additional feasibility and design work for a stand alone energy centre</p>	To invest in solutions that will reduce the town's overall carbon footprint whilst also enabling an income generation.

		at the Sovereign Centre site; this could potentially provide low carbon heat sourced from the embedded energy in the nearby sewer network. If viable, a decision to invest will be considered at the February 2020 Cabinet.	
12	Housing delivery update: Bedfordwell Road	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration &amp; Planning in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Housing and the Chief Finance Officer to move the development of the Bedfordwell Road scheme through to Stage 2 of the Clear Sustainable Futures (CSF) process to allow the Council to fully understand the financial and delivery options for the site.</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Council Leader to release £1.218m from the existing scheme capital allocation to meet the costs of progressing the development of the scheme through to Stage 2 with CSF.</p> <p>(3) To bring a further report back to Cabinet once the Council has reached Stage 2 and are in a position to report comprehensively on the financial viability of the scheme and to determine the best way of proceeding for tax efficiency purposes and agree a budget in the Housing Revenue Account and/or General Fund.</p>	To enable the next stages of procurement required to allow the construction works to deliver new homes and facilities for the town.

## 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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