

Decisions taken by the Cabinet

On 5 February 2020



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

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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:

Item No	Matter:	Decision:	Reasons for decision:
7	Portfolio progress and performance report 2019/20- Quarter 3	(Non-key decision: To note the progress and performance from Quarters 2 and 3.	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council’s progress and performance.

8	General fund budget 2020/21 and capital programme	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework)</p> <p>(1) To agree the General Fund budget for 2019/20 (Revised) and 2020/21 (original) at Appendix 1 to the report, including growth and savings proposals for 2020/21 as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>(2) To agree an increase in the Council Tax for Eastbourne Borough Council of 2% resulting in a Band D charge for general expenses of £251.71 for 2020/21.</p> <p>(3) To agree the revised General Fund capital programme 2020/21 revised as set out at Appendix 3 to the report.</p>	The Cabinet has to recommend to Full Council the setting of a revenue budget and associated council tax for the forthcoming financial year by law.
9	Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2020/21, 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 2020/21 as set out at Appendix A to the report;</p> <p>(2) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2020/21 as set out at paragraph 8 of the report;</p> <p>(3) To approve the Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2020/21 to 2022/23, 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 of 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) 30-Year Business Plan Update	<p>Resolved (Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To adopt Eastbourne's HRA 30-Year Business Plan as a basis for operating the future HRA Business.</p> <p>(2) To agree the assumptions underpinning it.</p> <p>(3) To note that the plan has been used as the starting point for setting the 2020/21 HRA Revenue Budget and Rents and the HRA Capital Programme 2019-23, which is considered as the next report on the listed agenda.</p>	The Council now has an opportunity to increase its HRA stock holding and improve its offer to tenants and leaseholders (both current and future) as a result of the HRA debt cap being lifted and HRA rents increasing each year (with effect from 1st April 2020)
11	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2020/21 and HRA Capital Programme 2019-23	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>(1) To agree the HRA budget for 2020/21 and revised 2019/20 budget as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) To agree that social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are increased by 2.7% in line with government policy.</p> <p>(3) To agree that service charges for general needs properties are increased by 2.7% (CPI +1%).</p> <p>(4) To agree that the service charge for the Older Persons' Sheltered Accommodations increases by an average of 0.5%.</p> <p>(5) To agree that the Support charges for Sheltered Housing Residents are set at £7.70 per unit, per week, an increase of 20p.</p>	The Cabinet has to 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>(6) To agree that heating costs are increased by 2.7% (CPI+1%) in line with estimated costs set at a level designed to recover the actual cost.</p> <p>(7) To agree that water charges are increased by 2.7% (CPI+1%) designed to recover the estimated cost of metered consumption.</p> <p>(8) To agree that Garage rents are increased by 3.4% (September RPI+1).</p> <p>(9) To give 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) To agree the HRA Capital Programme as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>Resolved (Key decision):</p> <p>(11) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, following consultation with the Cabinet member for Direct Assistance Services to acquire properties as per the approved capital programme under terms that best protect the council's interest.</p>	
12	Council tax and business rate base 2020/21	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To agree the provisional Council Tax Base of 34,848.6 for 2020/21.</p>	Cabinet is required to approve the Tax Base which will be used for the purposes of calculating the 2020/21 Council Tax.

		<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 2020/21.</p> <p>(3) To agree that the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, determine the net yield from Business Rate income for 2020/21.</p>	
13	Corporate Plan 2020-24	<p>Resolved (Non-key decision)</p> <p>That the draft Corporate Plan for 2020-2024 be considered.</p> <p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>That the new Corporate Plan for 2020-2024 be adopted.</p>	To enable the Council to set out its strategic vision, objectives and priority projects for the next four years and provide a firm basis for forward planning and performance management.
14	Eastbourne Carbon Neutral 2030	<p>(Key decision)</p> <p>(1) To delegate authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, in consultation with the Lead Member for Climate Change, to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) investigate the viability of moving the Council on to a green electricity tariff; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii), if appropriate, to sign the Council up to this tariff.</p> <p>(2) To approve the short term actions outlined within section 4 of the report.</p>	To progress towards the aims of achieving Eastbourne Carbon Neutral 2030 as resolved in July 2019.

15	Downland Whole Estate Plan	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To agree the draft Downland Whole Estate Plan, subject to the outcome of public consultation;</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change to approve the final Downland Whole Estate Plan, following completion of consultation on the draft Plan.</p>	The Downland Whole Estate Plan requires formal adoption by the Council prior to endorsement by the South Downs National Park Authority.
17	Community grants programme - small grants	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To approve the allocation of the 2020/21 Small Grants budget as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the exempt report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the priorities for 2021/22 Small Grants as set out in paragraph 2.9 of the exempt report.</p> <p>(3) To approve the amendment to the Community and Housing Grants policy as set out in paragraphs 2.11-2.12 of the exempt report.</p> <p>(4) To approve the model for allocating funds generated from the Eastbourne Lottery as set out in paragraphs 2.14-2.15 of the exempt report.</p>	To enable the council to make awards to local voluntary and community groups, and use available resources in a targeted and effective way.

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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