

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 28 October 2019



Notice dated: 29 October 2019

Issued to the chairman, members of the Scrutiny Committee and other councillors for information.

Key decisions will be implemented after the expiry of 3 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:- <https://democracy.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=417>

DECISIONS:

Item No	Matter:	Decision:	Reasons for decision:
8	Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax Class C Discount	Recommended to Council (Budget and policy framework): (1) To recommend to Full Council that the 2019/20 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme be adopted as the 2020/21 scheme. (2) To recommend to Full Council that the Council Tax Class C Discount for empty and unfurnished properties be ended from 1 April 2020.	Ending the Class C discount will encourage property owners to try to avoid having properties that are not occupied. The additional monies raised would be used to support those self-employed Council Tax Reduction claimants who are affected by the application of the minimum income

		<p>(Key decision)</p> <p>(3) To establish a pilot scheme during 2020/21 to provide additional relief to the self-employed on very low income.</p>	<p>floor and during the year of 2020/21 assess the likely impact on the council tax base of removal of minimum income floor.</p>
9	Pesticide policy and pollinator strategy	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To approve the Pesticide Policy and agree that the policy would be reviewed one year from adoption</p> <p>(2) To approve the Pollinator Strategy for adoption and to agree that the strategy would be reviewed in 2021.</p>	<p>To provide a framework and action plans for Lewes District Council in its approach to land management</p>
10	Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Recommendations	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>To agree the release of funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) governance pots as recommended by the CIL Executive Board.</p>	<p>To support the delivery of the right level and type of infrastructure to support the growth identified for the local planning authority in the adopted Joint Core Strategy.</p>
11	Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>To approve the publication of the Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement for a consultation period of 8 weeks.</p>	<p>To ensure that progress is made in reviewing and updating the Council's Statement of Community Involvement in accordance with national legislation.</p>
12	Adoption of the Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan	<p>Recommended to Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>To recommend to Full Council that the Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan be formally adopted as part of the statutory development plan for the district.</p>	<p>To ensure the Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' within the timeframe set out by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.</p>

13	Property Disposal and Transfer Policy Revision	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>To agree and adopt the revisions to the Policy Disposal and Transfer Policy to include provision for Community Asset Transfer.</p>	<p>The Policy Disposal and Transfer Policy needs to be updated to include provision for Community Asset Transfer.</p>
14	Housing development update	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To note and approve the updated Lewes Town & Ringmer Council Housing Infill programme, as laid out at appendix 1 to the report, subject to a final costed plan being approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>(2) To approve an in principle programme of Council housing on infill land in Newhaven, as laid out at appendix 2 to the report, subject to a final costed plan being approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>(3) To note the updated development scheme at Anchor Field, Ringmer.</p> <p>(4) To approve the sale of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) land to Aspiration Homes LLP (AHLLP) for the construction of 11 affordable rented homes at Anchor Field, Ringmer and associated loan to deliver the affordable housing. The delegations for the sale of HRA land and loan facilities are as contained in the Cabinet report of 23rd April 2018 entitled “Housing Development Update”.</p>	<p>The overarching reason for the recommendations is to maximise the Council’s ability to provide affordable housing within the District, partly through the full utilisation of receipts received from Council homes sold under the Right to Buy.</p>

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.

Any councillor is entitled to submit a request by email setting out the reason why he/she wishes any such decision to be called in by the Scrutiny Committee for consideration by a Scrutiny Panel. The request must be submitted to Democratic Services within three working days of the date of this notice.

Should any request by a councillor be submitted, the Cabinet Officer will then email all members of the Scrutiny Committee, advising them of the request for a review.

Members of the Scrutiny Committee must decide within two working days if they support the request and if they do, they should email a response to the Head of Democratic Services accordingly. If at least six members of the Committee are in favour of calling in the decision the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee will call a meeting of a Panel of the Scrutiny Committee within five working days where possible. The number of councillors to serve on a Panel (which shall be politically proportionate except that either the Leader of a political group may decide to offer one of their Group's places to another Group or an Independent member) shall be determined by the Chair with the councillors being nominated by the respective Group Leaders.

The decision of the Cabinet will not be implemented until:

- The time period for call-in has expired and six members of the Scrutiny Committee have not stated they are in favour of calling in the decision; or
- A Panel of the Scrutiny Committee considers the matter and resolves not to intervene in the decision of Cabinet; or
- A Panel of the Scrutiny Committee resolves to refer the matter back to Cabinet for further consideration and to take account of any recommendation of the Panel, in which case the Cabinet will reconsider the decision as soon as is reasonably practicable; or
- In the case of any question relating to the budget or policy framework, the Panel of the Scrutiny Committee has reported to the meeting of the Council that will consider the budget or policy framework or any component part of it (if there is insufficient time for the matter to be referred back to the Cabinet).

Once a decision of the Cabinet has been referred to a Panel of the Scrutiny Committee it shall not be subject to further consideration by a Panel of the Scrutiny Committee or the Committee itself and shall not again be referred by any individual councillor.

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