

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 12 November 2020



Notice dated: 17 November 2020

Issued to the chairman, members of the Policy and Performance Advisory 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 policy and performance advisory 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	Support for a Universal Basic Income pilot in Lewes District	<p>(Non-key decision):</p> <p>(1) To establish a forum for councillors and local partners and stakeholder groups, and with local partners to raise awareness and understanding of UBI.</p> <p>(2) On behalf of the Council and our residents, to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the leader of the party in Government, their counterparts in all opposition political parties in parliament to articulate the following:</p>	As set out in report.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The current benefit system is failing citizens, with Universal Credit causing hardship to many in Lewes District• There is a danger of increasing numbers of people facing poverty as a result of the coronavirus crisis;• Trialling a UBI is needed, as a UBI has the potential to help address key challenges such as inequality, poverty, precarious employment, loss of community, and breach of planetary boundaries through:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Giving employers a more flexible workforce whilst giving employees greater freedom to change their jobs;ii) Valuing unpaid work, such as caring for family members and voluntary work;iii) Removing the negative impacts of benefit sanctions and conditionality;iv) Giving people more equal resources within the family, workplace and society;v) Breaking the link between work and consumption, thus helping reduce strain on the environment;vi) Enabling greater opportunities for people to work in community and cultural activities or to train or re-skill in areas that will be | |
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		<p>needed to transition to a lower carbon economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The success of a UBI pilot should be measured by health and well-being and community benefit alongside economic and employment impacts; • Lewes District is ideally placed to pilot a UBI, given its economic and geographic diversity. 	
9	Recovery and reset programme	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To note the progress made with the Recovery and Reset Programme.</p> <p>(2) To approve an allocation of £250k to be added to the capital programme to ensure immediate start of the Council's Recovery & Reset work, with detailed advice from the cross party Recovery and Reset Board.</p> <p>(3) To explore supporting local people in financial distress with a focus on schemes such as council tax relief.</p> <p>(4) To support a campaign to allow pubs to make off-sales of alcohol in sealed containers for consumption at home during lockdown.</p>	The Recovery and Reset Programme provides a structured and accountable approach for delivering the level of significant organisational change needed to respond to current and future challenges.
10	Responses to Government consultation on reforms to the planning system	<p>(Non-key decision):</p> <p>To note the responses submitted to the Government's consultations on reforms to the planning system.</p>	To update Cabinet on the responses submitted to the Government's consultations on reforms to the planning system.

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 Policy and Performance Advisory 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 Policy and Performance Advisory Committee for consideration by a Call-In 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 Policy and Performance Advisory Committee, advising them of the request for a review.

Members of the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee must decide within two working days if they support the request and if they do, they should email a response to the Committee and Civic Services Manager accordingly. If at least six members of the Committee are in favour of calling in the decision the Chair of the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will call a Call-In Panel of the 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 Policy and Performance Advisory Committee have not stated they are in favour of calling in the decision; or
- A Call-In Panel of the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee considers the matter and resolves not to intervene in the decision of Cabinet; or
- A Call-In Panel of the Policy and Performance Advisory 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, a Call-In Panel of the Policy and Performance Advisory 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 Call-In Panel of the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee it shall not be subject to further consideration by a Call-In Panel or the Committee itself and shall not again be referred by any individual councillor.

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