

# Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 10 December 2020



Lewes District Council

## Notice dated: 11 December 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	Community Wealth Building	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To note the progress made in relation to community wealth building</p> <p>(2) To note the findings of the diagnostic study undertaken by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies set out at Appendix 1 to the report, and</p> <p>(3) To agree the Reimagining Lewes District Action Plan set out at Appendix 2 to the report, and to request a 6 month progress report.</p>	<p>The Council is committed to developing a Community Wealth Building approach as part of the Corporate Plan adopted in February 2020.</p>

9	Support for local people in financial distress	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) That Cabinet adopt option (c), set out at paragraph 5.2 of this report.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet agrees to continue to support the Minimum Income Floor pilot for the self employed.</p>	The recommended option provides significant support from funds currently available to the Council.
10	General fund revenue budget update	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>To note the latest budget positions as set out in the report.</p>	To progress the budget setting process and update Cabinet on the background to this.
11	Council tax base and non-domestic rate income for 2021/22	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To agree the provisional Council Tax Base of 36,711.4 for 2021/22 for the whole area and that the Council Tax Base for each of the Town and Parish areas of the District shall be as set out in Appendix 2 of this report</p> <p>(2) To agree that the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Assets, determine the final amounts for the Council Tax Base for 2021/22.</p> <p>(3) To agree that the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Assets, determine net yield from Business Rate income for 2021/22.</p>	Cabinet is required to approve the Tax Base which will be used for the purposes of calculating the 2021/22 Council Tax.
12	Portfolio progress and performance report quarter 2 - 2020-2021	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>To note progress and performance for quarter 2.</p>	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council's progress and performance.

13	Finance update - performance quarter 2 - 2020-2021	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To note the General Fund, HRA and Collection Fund financial performance for the quarter ended September 2020.</p> <p>(2) To agree the amended capital programme as set out at appendix 2 to the report.</p>	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council's financial performance.
14	Community Infrastructure Levy Recommendations for Spending	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>To agree the release of funds from the CIL governance pots as recommended by the CIL Executive Board.</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.
15	Newhaven - Towns Fund	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To note the bid being prepared for submission to the Towns Fund and the decision-making of the Newhaven Town Deal Board.</p> <p>(2) To authorise the Director of Regeneration and Planning to submit the Towns Fund bid by 29 January 2021 in line with Government requirements.</p>	The Towns Fund is a £3.6billion Government funding pot. Newhaven has been shortlisted to submit a bid of up to £25m of capital funding that will contribute to economic recovery and growth.
16	Memorandum of Understanding between Environment Agency and Lewes District Council relating to coastal risk management at Telscombe Cliffs	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To authorise the Chief Executive to agree to enter into Memorandum of Understanding.</p> <p>(2) To authorise the Council to work in partnership with the Environment Agency to explore the options viable to manage the risks posed by the undefended cliffs at The</p>	By entering into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Environment Agency, their larger technical capability and resources can be utilised to seek an appropriate solution to managing the risks posed by an eroding coast at this location.

		Esplanade, Telscombe Cliffs.	
17	North Street Quarter (NSQ) - scheme delivery	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To agree the Heads of Terms (HoTs) of the proposed sale and purchase agreement for the Council's part of the NSQ site, as set out in the exempt Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Head of Legal Services, to complete negotiations with Human Nature and enter into a sale and purchase agreement with this party, and all ancillary documents, based on the agreed HoTs set out in the exempt Appendix 1 to the report.</p>	To progress redevelopment of the strategically significant North Street Quarter (NSQ) site in Lewes.

## 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.

## **Democratic Services**

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