

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 25 March 2021



Notice dated: 25 March 2021

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	Interim Policy Statement for Housing Delivery	To approve the Draft Interim Policy Statement for Housing Delivery, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.	To help provide a clear and consistent approach to the assessment of planning applications for housing development outside of the adopted planning boundaries.
9	Planning Enforcement Policy Document	(Key decision): (1) To agree the publication and use of the Planning Enforcement Policy contained at Appendix 1 to the report.	(1) To publicise the Council’s expectations for the delivery of the planning enforcement function. (2) To make minor amendments to

		<p>(2) To provide delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure, to make minor or technical amendments to the Planning Enforcement Policy prior to their publication or as otherwise required following publication.</p>	<p>address technical or drafting issues.</p>
10	Investing in green energy initiatives	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to initiate feasibility and due-diligence work as required for the project outlined in section 2 and exempt appendix 1 of this report, and for other potential green energy initiatives up to a value of £50,000 from revenue funds.</p> <p>(2) Subject to (1) above, to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Chief Finance Officer and Cabinet member for finance and assets, to provide up to £100,000 for development funding to take the solar farm proposal set out in section 2 and exempt appendix 1 of this report, to planning submission, subject to further due diligence being carried out.</p> <p>(3) Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to procure Local Partnerships to carry out due diligence work as required, including that of the development proposal referred to in recommendation (2) above.</p>	<p>Investigating the opportunities to develop and enable solar energy production directly supports the aims of the Council detailed within the Corporate Plan 2020-2024 to lead the community to net zero carbon and engage with the community energy sector.</p> <p>Supporting community energy generation could enable community investment and assist with community wealth building objectives. Developing solar generation within the district will help meet goals and targets detailed within the Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy including the overarching net zero carbon by 2030 targets. Investing in operational solar farms is a potentially viable financial decision for the authority that could diversify the investment portfolio.</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 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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