

# Decisions taken by the Cabinet

## On 10 February 2021



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

**Notice dated: 10 February 2021**

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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Item No	Matter:	Decision:	Reasons for Decision:
7	Recovery and Reset	<b>(Non-key decision):</b>  To note the progress made within the Recovery and Reset Programme.	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.
8	Corporate performance - quarter 3 - 2020/21	<b>(Non-key decision):</b>  (1) To note the achievements and progress against Corporate Plan priorities for 2020-21, as set out in Part A of the report.	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council’s progress and performance.

		(2) To note the General Fund, HRA and Collection Fund financial performance for the quarter, as set out in part B of the report.	
9	General Fund Budget 2021/22 and Capital Programme	<p><b>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</b></p> <p>(1) The General Fund budget for 2020/21 (Revised) and 2021/22 (Original).</p> <p>(2) The Capital Programme and Financing for 2020/21(Revised) and 2021/22 (Original).</p> <p>(3) An increase in the Council Tax for Eastbourne Borough Council of 2% resulting in a Band D charge of £256.74 for 2021/22.</p> <p>(4) The revised General Fund capital programme 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.</p> <p>(5) To note the section 151 Officer's sign off as outlined in the report.</p> <p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(6) To delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve the making of all future loans to Aspiration Homes LLP and all drawdowns under both future and existing facilities.</li> <li>• approve the loans as a Restricted Matter</li> </ul>	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.

		<p>under the LLP Agreement with Lewes District Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve all documentation required to ensure compliance with the UK's new subsidy control regime and so that Right to Buy receipts are appropriated in accordance with all relevant requirements; and</li> <li>• determine the terms of all agreements and associated documentation required to put into effect these delegations and to authorise the execution of all such documentation on behalf of the Council.</li> </ul>	
10	Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2021/22, Capital Strategy & Investment Strategy	<p><b>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</b></p> <p>(1) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/22 as set out at Appendix A to the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2021/22 as set out at paragraph 8 in the report.</p> <p>(3) To approve the Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2021/22 to 2023/24, as set out at paragraph 6 in 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.

11	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2021/22 and HRA Capital Programme 2020-24	<p><b>Recommend to Full Council (Budget and policy framework)</b></p> <p>(1) The HRA budget for 2021/22 and revised 2020/21 budget as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) That social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are increased by 1.5% in line with government policy.</p> <p>(3) That service charges for general needs properties are increased by 1.5% (CPI +1%).</p> <p>(4) That the service charge for the Older Persons' Sheltered Accommodations increases by an average of 1.5%.</p> <p>(5) That the Support charges for Sheltered Housing Residents are set at £7.82 per unit, per week, an increase of 1.5%.</p> <p>(6) That heating costs are increased by 1.5% (CPI+1%) in line with estimated costs set at a level designed to recover the actual cost.</p> <p>(7) That water charges are increased by 1.5% (CPI+1%) designed to recover the estimated cost of metered consumption.</p> <p>(8) Garage rents are increased by 2.1% (September RPI+1%).</p> <p>(9) To give delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holders for Financial</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.
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		<p>Services and Direct Assistance Service and the Chief Finance Officer to finalise Eastbourne Homes' Management Fee and Delivery Plan.</p> <p>(10) The HRA Capital Programme as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.</p>	
12	Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety Partnership - Annual report (Eastbourne)	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>To note the achievements and activities of the Eastbourne and Lewes Community Safety Partnership in 2020/21.</p>	For Cabinet to consider progress on delivery of the current Community Safety Plan.
13	Adaptations to the waste collection service	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To approve an alternate weekly refuse and recycling collection service as standard across the borough.</p> <p>(2) To agree to certain areas and dwellings remaining on a weekly refuse collection with operational flexibility to adjust rounds as required.</p> <p>(3) To authorises the Director of Service Delivery, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Place Services and the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, to develop and progress operational plans to ensure new service arrangements are in place for April 2021.</p> <p>(4) To approve the business case as set out in section 6 and exempt Appendix 4 of the report.</p>	Eastbourne Borough Council's ambitions for higher recycling rates and increased resource efficiency, alongside helping to meet challenging financial and carbon reduction objectives.

## 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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