

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 10 June 2021



Lewes District Council

Notice dated: 11 June 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:
9	Recovery and Reset	(Non-key decision): To note the progress made with 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.
10	Community Wealth Building	(Key decision): (1) To note the progress made in delivering the Reimagining Lewes District Action Plan and to agree the	The Council is committed to developing a Community Wealth Building approach as part of the Corporate Plan adopted in February

		<p>Re-imagining Lewes District Community Wealth Building Strategy set out at appendix A to the report.</p> <p>(2) To agree £80k to fund a two-year fixed term post to oversee the implementation of the Strategy.</p> <p>(3) To agree a one-off allocation of £20k to enable the development of initiatives to promote and enable social entrepreneurialism, with both additional cost items being funded from reserves.</p>	2020.
11	Biodiversity Strategy	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To approve the Lewes District Council Biodiversity Strategy 2021- 2025, set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the associated Action Plan, set out at Appendix 2 to the report.</p>	To set out the principles and approach to supporting biodiversity and to provide a framework and work plan for Lewes District Council in its collaborative approach to protecting and enhancing natural assets.
12	Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022/23	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>That Cabinet, with the objective of implementing a revised Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23:</p> <p>(1) Authorise the Chief Finance Officer to enter into consultation with the major precepting authorities</p> <p>(2) Authorise the drafting of a scheme that calculates a Council Tax Reduction of 100% of a person's council tax liability, removes the Minimum-Income Floor for the self-employed and removes the £5.00 minimum award</p> <p>(3) On completion of the consultation and drafting</p>	Any billing authority wishing to revise its Council Tax Reduction scheme for the working-age must follow the statutory process as set out in this report.

		authorised under (1) and (2) above, authorise the Director of Service Delivery to consult with other interested parties.	
13	Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation	<p>(Non-key decision):</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet authorise the principle of undertaking public consultation on 'Issues & Options' for the Local Plan for an eight-week period between 9th July and 3rd September 2021.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure, to approve and release the Issues and Options document for consultation.</p>	<p>(1) To meet the requirements of Regulation 18 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) in the preparation of a Local Plan.</p> <p>(2) To ensure that the Lewes Local Plan is progressed in accordance with the timetable set out in the Lewes Local Development Scheme.</p>
14	Planning Local Validation List	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To agree the publication and use of Planning Local Validation List contained at Appendix 1 and 2 to the report.</p> <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 Local Validation List to its publication or as otherwise required following publication.</p>	<p>(1) To publicise the Council's expectation for the delivery of a robust planning application validation process.</p> <p>(2) To make minor amendments to address technical, drafting issues or to take account of changing legislative requirements.</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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