

# Decisions taken by the Cabinet On 9 February 2022



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

**Notice dated: 10 February 2022**

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	Assurance Review	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To note and accept the CIPFA assurance review.</p> <p>(2) To note and endorse the CIPFA recommendations subject to the comments and observations set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.</p> <p>(3) To incorporate agreed recommended actions arising from the CIPFA assurance review into the overall Recovery and Reset programme’s priority-based budget proposals, and to reflect this in the upcoming 2022/23</p>	<p>To enable the Recovery and Reset programme to continue in a structured way whilst incorporating the CIPFA assurance review recommendations, and meeting the capitalisation challenges.</p>

		<p>refresh of the corporate plan.</p> <p>(4) To continue consideration of priority asset disposals in order to meet the obligations and commitments set out in this report.</p>	
8	Recovery and Reset Programme	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To note the progress made with the Recovery and Reset Programme</p> <p>(2) To note the Recovery and Reset savings (including the Priority Based Budget savings) at Appendix A to the report.</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. This work is sufficiently developed for its management and oversight to now form part of the council's business as usual activity.
9	General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Capital Programme	<p><b>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</b></p> <p>(1) The General Fund budget for 2021/22 (Revised) and 2022/23 (original).</p> <p>(2) An increase in the Council Tax for Eastbourne Borough Council of 1.99% (per annum) resulting in a Band D charge for general expenses of £261.85 (per annum) for 2022/23.</p> <p>(3) The revised General Fund capital programme 2022/23 as set out at Appendix 3 to the report.</p> <p>(4) That Cabinet endorses the continuation of the Flexible use of Capital Receipts and refers on to Council for</p>	The Cabinet must recommend to Full Council the setting of a revenue budget and associated Council tax for the forthcoming financial year by law.

		<p>approval.</p> <p>(5) To note the section 151 Officer's sign off as outlined in the report.</p>	
10	Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2022/23, 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 2022/23 as set out at Appendix A to the report;</p> <p>(2) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2022/23 as set out at paragraph 8 in the report.</p> <p>(3) To approve the Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2022/23 to 2024/25, 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 within 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 2022/23 and HRA Capital Programme 2021-25	<p><b>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</b></p> <p>(1) The HRA budget for 2022/23 and revised 2021/22 budget as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) That social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are increased by 4.1% in line with government policy.</p> <p>(3) That the average General Needs Housing Benefit (HB)</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.

		<p>Eligible service charge will be £5.04 per week</p> <p>(4) That the average HB Eligible service charge for Retirement Housing will be £35.85 per week</p> <p>(5) That the Support charge for Retirement Housing will be £5.44 per unit.</p> <p>(6) That the average Non-HB Eligible heating charges will be £3.49 per week.</p> <p>(7) That the average non-HB Eligible water charges will be £3.33.</p> <p>(8) That Garage rents are increased by 4.86% (September RPI).</p> <p>(9) To grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holders for Financial 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	Litter and Fly-tipping Reduction Strategy 2022 - 2027	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To approve the Litter and Fly-tipping Reduction Strategy 2022-2027 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 reduce littering in Eastbourne, with the majority of residents viewing it as totally unacceptable. Volunteer litter picking groups feel supported by the council and all residents value the council's work to tackle litter, dog fouling, fly-tipping and graffiti.

13	Eastbourne Public Spaces Protection (Anti-social Driving) Order 2022	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To approve, as a draft only, the Public Spaces Protection Order (the Order) as set out at Appendix B to the report.</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Director of Service Delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to carry out statutory consultation on the draft Order;</li> <li>ii. if necessary, to amend the draft Order in light of consultation responses and seek approval from the Lead Cabinet Member for Disabilities and Community Safety;</li> <li>iii. to make and publicise the definitive Order in accordance with relevant legislation;</li> <li>iv. to put in place arrangements, including with external parties, to enforce the Order; and</li> <li>v. to keep the Order under review; to bring to Cabinet any variation considered necessary to the Order during its three-year term; and at the end of that term extend the period for which it has effect, if considered necessary on statutory grounds.</li> </ul>	To address the incidence of anti-social driving in a number of locations across Eastbourne.
14	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 2021/22.</p>	To consider progress on delivery of the current Community Safety Plan.

15	A Coastal Concordat for England	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To adopt the Coastal Concordat (as December 2019)</p> <p>(2) That authority be given to the Cabinet member for climate change, place services and special projects to sign a letter to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirming Eastbourne Borough Council's adoption of the Coastal Concordat.</p>	To enable benefit to be gained from a streamlined planning system in relation to coastal applications.
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## 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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