

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 8 July 2021



Lewes District Council

Notice dated: 09 July 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	Portfolio progress and performance report 2020/21 - quarter 4 and end of year summary	(Non-key decision): (1) To note progress and performance for Quarter 4 and 2020- 21 performance. (2) To note the targets for 2021-22. (3) To request that officers provide more analysis on waste and recycling in the narrative of the existing key performance indicators in the performance report and provide a waste report for a future Policy and Performance Advisory Committee, with an explanation of data, trend	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council’s progress and performance.

		analysis and benchmarking against other authorities.	
9	Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn 2020/21	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To endorse the provisional outturn for 2020/21.</p> <p>(2) To approve the transfers from/to reserves as set out in section 3.2 of the report.</p>	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council's financial performance for 2020/21.
10	Treasury management annual report 2020/21 and latest TM monitoring	<p>Recommend to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>(1) To agree the Annual Treasury Management report for 2020/21.</p> <p>(2) To approve the 2020/21 Prudential and Treasury Indicators included in the report.</p> <p>(3) To note that the Treasury Management activities for the period starting from 1 March to 31 March 2021 has been in accordance with the approved Treasury Strategies for that period.</p>	Requirement of CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Sector Code of Practice (the Code) and this has to be reported to Full Council.
11	Investing in green energy initiatives-update	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Cabinet member for finance and assets, to increase the loan provision to OVESCO up to a maximum of £155,000 for development funding to take the solar farm proposal set out in section 2 and Appendix 1 of the report to planning submission, subject to further due diligence being carried out, satisfactory loan terms and milestones being agreed.</p>	<p>(1) 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>(2) Supporting community energy</p>

		<p>(2) To request that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel provide oversight to the project.</p>	<p>generation could enable community investment and assist with community wealth building objectives.</p> <p>(3) Development finance is the most difficult finance to gain for a community energy company when delivering a project of this scale.</p> <p>(4) Maintaining Council input into the development of the project financially de-risks it and enables project oversight to hopefully ensure delivery.</p> <p>(5) 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.</p>
12	Re-imagining Newhaven	<p>(Non-key decision):</p> <p>(1) To note the Future High Streets Fund capital grant award from MHCLG and that this represents a considerable achievement for the Council.</p> <p>(2) To note the timescales to deliver the Re-imagining Newhaven programme.</p> <p>(3) To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration and Prosperity, to:</p>	<p>(1) A grant offer letter has been received from MHCLG on 03/06/21 confirming the funding award.</p> <p>(2) Newhaven remains a regeneration priority for the Council, building upon Enterprise Zone designation and investment from a range of partners, and the formation of the Newhaven Town Deal.</p> <p>(3) The Re-imagining Newhaven programme strongly aligns with the</p>

		<p>(a) enter, or authorise entry into, all necessary documentation with MHCLG to receive the Future High Street Fund grant;</p> <p>(b) carry out all necessary actions to deliver the Re-imagining Newhaven programme including undertaking feasibility work, procurement and appointment of the professional team, development and determining the terms of, and authorising the execution of, all necessary documentation, including the procurement and appointment of an operator.</p> <p>(4) To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance and Chief Finance Officer, to make an allocation within the General Fund Capital Programme for the co-funding part of the Re-imagining Newhaven programme, subject to further finance and legal advice, also subject to a sound business case.</p> <p>(5) To write a letter of thanks to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government, for the Future High Streets Fund grant and thank those officers at the Council who have worked towards the Re-imagining Newhaven programme.</p>	<p>Council's Community Wealth Building Pillars.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Community Grants Policy</p>	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To adopt the new Community Grants policy at appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) To agree the proposed funding allocations set out in the prospectus at appendix 2 to the report.</p>	<p>The new Community Grants policy will enable the council to be more transparent and flexible in how local voluntary organisations are supported, with the 2022/23 programme ensuring a focus on local areas of need.</p>

14	Housing development update	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To note the progress of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme, alongside other schemes for housing delivery. This is set out at Exempt Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) To authorise the acquisition of a single garage unit adjacent to land already owned by LDC, the subsequent development of land, and disposal of the garage site at Mill Road, Ringmer including to allocate a budget within the capacity of the HRA Capital Programme.</p> <p>(3) To approve the new projects as detailed in Appendix 1 (Exempt) through to the planning and tender stage, subject to further Cabinet approval prior to the award of a contract and the commencement of any works.</p> <p>(4) To authorise entering into a land agreement to facilitate the development of a Neighbourhood Plan identified site at Long Park Corner, Ditchling, subject to further legal, finance, and market advice.</p> <p>(5) To authorise entering into a framework for a contractor offering an off-site manufactured house building solution, through an advertised open competition, to aid in the delivery of the Capital Programme alongside other procurement routes.</p> <p>(6) To authorise the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Assets and Chief Finance Officer, to carry out all necessary actions to facilitate these proposals including feasibility, development</p>	To provide progress updates and secure the necessary approvals to bring forward ongoing key housing development projects within the district.
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	and determining the terms of, and authorising the execution of, all necessary documentation.	
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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 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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