

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 9 November 2023



Lewes District Council

Notice dated: 10 November 2023

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	Updated and Aligned Scheme of Delegation to Officers	(Key decision): (1) To consider the draft updated and aligned scheme of delegations to officers, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report and approve all executive delegations. (2) To refer its approval to Full Council for noting.	Lewes District Council’s existing Scheme has not been fully updated since 2015, leading to lack of clarity over certain officer powers and difficulty with implementation.
9	Housing Benefit War Pension and Armed Forces Compensation Policy	Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework): To recommend the disregarding in full of War Pensions	As set out in the report.

		income and the Armed Forces Compensation income in the assessment of Housing Benefit.	
10	Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy- Annual update	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To approve the Climate Change and Sustainability Annual Update (as attached at Appendix 1 to the report) for publication on the council’s website.</p> <p>(2) To note progress to date on the Strategy and action plan, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(3) To delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Planning and Regeneration to deliver the Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy refresh, in consultation with the portfolio holder.</p>	To progress the aims of the council’s Climate Emergency Declaration (2019) to make the authority net zero carbon by 2030 and to assist the same aim to be achieved within the wider district.
11	Lewes Local Plan, Preferred Options and Policies Directions	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>(1) To approve the Local Plan Regulation 18: Towards a spatial strategy and policies directions document, as set out in Appendix 1, together with the supporting documents for public consultation in accordance with the regulations and the Local Development Scheme.</p> <p>(Key Decision)</p> <p>(2) To agree delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure to make any minor changes to the appearance, format and text of the Local Plan and supporting documents in the interests of clarity and accuracy prior to their publication for consultation.</p>	<p>The preparation of the Local Plan must be undertaken in accordance with the relevant regulations. This includes consultation at Regulation 18 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The proposed consultation is at Regulation 18.</p> <p>The consultation document sets out policy directions for policies to be developed further at the subsequent draft Local Plan stage. It also sets out the identified development needs of the plan area, and the Council’s proposed approach to meeting these needs within its plan area.</p>

			As part of this consultation, assessment material of land submitted in response to the 'Call for Sites' will be included. This assessment has drawn on the technical evidence produced to support this stage of the consultation as well as information that has been submitted by parties with an interest.
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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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