

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 1 February 2024



Lewes District Council

Notice dated: 01 February 2024

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	General Fund Revenue Budget 2024/25 and Capital Programme	Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework): (1) To agree the General Fund Budget 2024/25 (original) and projected MTFs as set out at Appendix 1 to the report. (2) To agree the General Fund Budget 2023/24 (revised) as set out in Appendices 2 & 3 to the report. (3) To agree an increase in the Council Tax for Lewes District Council of 2.99% resulting in a gross Band D charge (including Special Expenses) of £228.17 for	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>2024/25.</p> <p>(4) To agree the revised General Fund & Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2024/25 as set out at Appendix 4 to the report.</p> <p>(5) The rates of Fees and Charges proposed within Appendix 5 to apply from 1 April 2024 and to implement changes to statutory fees and charges for services shown within Appendix 5 to the report as and when notified by Government.</p> <p>(6) To note the Section 151 Officer's sign off as outlined in the report.</p>	
9	Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy, Capital Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2024/25	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>(1) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 as set out at Appendix A to the report;</p> <p>(2) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2024/25 (as set out at Appendix A to the report);</p> <p>(3) To approve the Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2024/25 to 2026/27 (as set out at Appendix A to the report)</p> <p>(4) To Approve the Capital Strategy 2024/25 (as set out at Appendix B 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, Investment Strategy and Capital Strategy.

<p>10</p>	<p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2024/25 and HRA Capital Programme 2023-28</p>	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>(1) The HRA budget for 2024/25 and revised 2023/24 budget as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) To agree that social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are increased by 7.7% with effect from 1st April 2024, in line with government policy issued in December 2022</p> <p>(3) To agree that, with effect from 1st April 2024, when social-rented properties are relet to new tenants, the applicable rent will be increased by 5% above target rent</p> <p>(4) To agree that the revised service charges as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report are implemented with effect from 1st April 2024</p> <p>(5) To agree that garage rents are increased by 6.7%.</p> <p>(6) To agree the HRA Capital Programme as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>(7) To note that £5.691m of Major Works expenditure is shown in the Capital Programme in 2024/25 and 2025/26 to improve EPC ratings in HRA properties, this expenditure being the subject of a Government grant bid to secure 50% match-funding.</p>	<p>The Cabinet must 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>
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11	Re-imagining Lewes District: Delivering the Vision 2024 - 2028	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To consider the ‘Reimagining Lewes District: Delivering the Vision 2024-2028’ plan.</p> <p>(2) That any final minor amendments arising from the consultation responses be delegated for amendment to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader.</p> <p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>(3) To adopt the plan as its overarching corporate policy document for the next 4 years.</p>	To enable the Council to set out its strategic vision, objectives and priority projects for the next four years and provide a firm basis for forward planning and performance management.
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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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