

Decisions taken by the Cabinet On 20 September 2023



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

Notice dated: 20 September 2023

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.

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=125](https://democracy.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=125)

Item No	Matter:	Decision:	Reasons for Decision:
7	Assurance Review follow up - CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Finance and Accountancy) Rapid Finance Review	(Non-key decision): To note the report, and to note that actions to respond to the recommendations would be addressed within the Stability and Growth programme.	The assurance review, and the subsequent follow up review referred to in this report, have been necessary as a requirement of the Council accessing Government Exceptional Financial Support.
8	Corporate performance - quarter 1 - 2023/24	(Non-key decision): To note progress and performance for quarter 1 2023/24.	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the Council’s progress and performance.
9	Revenue and Capital	(Non-key decision):	To update members on the financial

	Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 1 2023-24	<p>(1) To note the forecast outturn position for 2023-24 and associated risks.</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Performance and the portfolio holder for finance to apply the required budget virements to support effective management of the overall budget.</p> <p>(3) To note Appendix 1 and 2 to the report.</p>	position of the Council and ensure that the Authority complies with its financial regulations.
10	Housing delivery and asset update	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework)</p> <p>(1) To approve an increase of £2.41m to the existing new build and acquisitions budget within the 2023/24 HRA Capital Programme, totalling a new budget of £10.81m, to facilitate and be funded by new government grants, subject to Full Council approval.</p> <p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(2) To note the progress of the housing development and delivery programme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(3) To support the progression of the initial phase of sites identified within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) from the internal Asset Review to be taken through the feasibility and due diligence processes, utilising existing budgets and delegations.</p> <p>(4) To approve a variation of £150k for the Fort Lane development in accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules, totalling a new scheme budget of £3.15m, financed</p>	<p>(1) To provide Cabinet with an update on the growing housing development and delivery programme.</p> <p>(2) To progress the development of new Council homes across the borough, maximising brownfield sites to enable new affordable housing opportunities.</p> <p>(3) To ratify HRA Capital Programme budgets to support the delivery and purchase of new homes.</p> <p>(4) To rationalise the HRA, making best use of assets and resources, and generating income to support future housing schemes.</p>

within the capacity of the existing approved 2023/24 HRA Capital Programme.

(5) To approve the disposal of Council-owned garage sites as set out within Appendix 2 (Exempt) to the report, subject to a full business case, and with the capital receipts ring-fenced to support the HRA Business Plan and future capital schemes for housing.

(6) To authorise the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Performance (S151 Officer) and Lead Member for Housing and Planning, to take all necessary actions to progress all recommendations including business cases, budget allocations, negotiation and agreement of terms, award of contract(s), and authorising the formal execution of all related documentation.

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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