

# Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 26 September 2024



Lewes District Council

## Notice dated: 26 September 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	Portfolio progress and performance report quarter 1 - 2024-2025	<b>(Non-key decision):</b> To note progress and performance for quarter 1 2024/25.	To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the council’s progress and performance.
9	Revenue & Capital Financial Monitoring Report - Quarter 1 2024/25	<b>(Non-key decision):</b>  (1) To note the forecast outturn position for 2024/25 and associated risks.  (2) To delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Performance and the portfolio holder for finance, assets	To update members on the financial position of the Council and ensure that the Authority complies with its financial regulations.

		<p>and community wealth building, 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>	
10	New Homes Principles (Building Better Council Housing)	<p><b>(Non-key decision):</b></p> <p>To approve and adopt the New Homes Principles.</p>	To create a framework that supports in the design and delivery of new council housing.
11	Community Wealth Building update	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To note the progress made in delivering Community Wealth Building.</p> <p>(2) To note and adopt the Community Wealth Building Strategy, as set out at appendix 1 to the report, subject to final sign off by the Leader of the Council.</p> <p>(3) To agree to an approach being made to East Sussex Pension Fund seeking agreement to invest more in local projects to retain wealth and create jobs locally.</p>	<p>(1) The Council is committed to developing a Community Wealth Building approach as part of the Corporate Plan 2024-28. This report is the annual update on this work to Cabinet.</p> <p>(2) The strategy document would provide a public facing overview of the Council’s activities and future plans in relation to community wealth building.</p> <p>(3) East Sussex Pension Fund could provide a significant contribution to the local economy if it invested more in local projects, which could benefit residents, but also many members of the scheme who may live in the area.</p>

<p>12</p>	<p>Supporting Authority Approval for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) currently being prepared by the Responsible Authority, ESCC</p>	<p><b>(Key decision):</b></p> <p>(1) To note and welcome the Council’s role as a Supporting Authority in relation to Local Nature Recovery Strategies, under The Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023;</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Lead member, to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Approve and submit a response to the Responsible Authority, ESCC, on any pre-consultation draft of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy within 28 days as required by the Council’s role as a Supporting Authority under The Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) Consider the pre-publication draft of any Local Nature Recovery Strategy and, if the Chief Executive considers that the draft strategy cannot be justified based on the results of the consultation or that it is materially deficient, to submit a publication advisory notice to the Responsible Authority within 28 days, as set out in regulation 15 of The Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023.</p>	<p>The report addresses requirements of the Environment Act 2021 relating to the council’s LNRS Supporting Authority role (to East Sussex County Council as Responsible Authority) and seeks delegated authority to approve and respond on any pre-consultation draft of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy within 28 days, as required, and consider the pre-publication draft strategy, also within 28 days. Delegated authority is sought as these timelines would not allow for the matter to be considered at Cabinet.</p>
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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.

## **Democratic Services**

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