

CABINET
Wednesday, 5 February
2014
Decision notice
 (including Key Decisions)



Notice dated: 6 February 2014

Issued to the chairman and members of the scrutiny committee and other councillors for information. This notice is available for public inspection.

This notice is issued in accordance with cabinet procedure rule 9 of the council's constitution. Key decisions are indicated with other decisions listed for information.

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DECISIONS:

Item No	Matter:	Decision: 'KEY' if key decision 'BPF' if budget and policy framework	Reasons if Key decision:
7	Corporate Performance - Quarter 3 - 2013/14	(KEY) Performance and finance monitoring agreed; virements and transfer to and from reserves approved; and amended capital programme and treasury management performance agreed.	As given in report.
8	Council Budget 2014/15	(BPF) (1) Full Council be recommended to approve a general fund budget for 2013/14 (revised) and 2014/15 (original) as set out in appendix 1 to the report, including growth and savings proposals for 2014/15 as set out in appendix 2 to the report; no increase in the council tax for Eastbourne Borough Council resulting in an unaltered 'Band D' charge of £224.19 for 2014/15; and a general fund capital programme and financing 2013/17 as set out in appendix 3 to the report.	As given in report.

		(2) Noted that the business rates base for 2014/15 will be reflected in the budget council resolutions to be placed before the Council meeting.	
9	Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2014/15	(BPF) Council, be recommended to approve the treasury management strategy and annual investment strategy ; the methodology for calculating the minimum revenue provision; the prudential and treasury indicators; and the specified and non-specified investment categories all as given in the report to Cabinet.	As given in report.
10	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2014/15 and HRA Capital Programme 2013/16	(BPF) Council recommended to approve (a) HRA budget 2014/15 and revised 2013/14, (appendix 1 to the report); (b) rents set in line with the rent convergence target of 2016 set by government resulting in an average increase in rents of 4.68%; (c) void HRA properties due for re-let moved to target rent automatically; (d) service charges for general needs properties increased by 2.75%, slightly below the RPI index; (e) service charges for older persons' sheltered accommodation currently available for let increased by 4.83%; (f) heating costs set at a level designed to recover the estimated actual cost; (g) water charges set at a level designed to recover the estimated cost of metered consumption; (e) garage rents set to increase by 4.68% in line with the average increase in housing rent; (f) delegated authority granted to Senior Head of Community, in consultation with the lead Cabinet members for community services and finance and the Chief Finance Officer to finalise Eastbourne Homes' management fee and delivery plan; and (i) HRA capital programme (appendix 2 to the report).	As given in report.
11	Sustainable Service Delivery Update	(KEY) (1) Key activities and progress made against the Future Model Programme Plan (Phase Two) and key programme milestones for February 2014 – May 2014 noted. (2) Budget of £15,000 approved to investigate the opportunities, costs and issues of developing shared corporate	As given in report.

		services with Lewes District Council.	
12	Eastbourne Town Centre - Update on Use of Compulsory Purchase Powers	<p>(KEY) (1) Planning application 131071 (to be determined by the Council's planning committee) noted and confirmation given that in the event that the application is granted, with or without modifications, the authority delegated to the Senior Head of Development on 6 February 2013 to make a compulsory purchase order (CPO) will continue to apply.</p> <p>(2) Senior Head of Development, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Leader of the Council, given delegated authority to exercise the Council's powers of appropriation and powers under S.237 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, if required.</p> <p>(3) Revised plan at appendix 1 to the report is the area to be used to make the compulsory purchase order (subject to any further variations).</p>	As given in report.
13	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - charging schedule	<p>(KEY) (1) CIL draft charging schedule approved for consultation over a 6 week period.</p> <p>(2) Senior Head of Development, in consultation with the lead Cabinet member, given delegated authority to make minor amendments before the commencement of the 6 week representation period.</p> <p>(3) Senior Head of Development, in consultation with the lead Cabinet member and the Local Planning Steering Group, given delegated authority to make any necessary adjustments to the CIL charging schedule following the completion of the consultation before submission to the Government Inspectorate for the public examination.</p>	As given in report.
14	Impacts of Welfare Reform and the Council's Response	Measures taken to support residents affected by Welfare Reform endorsed.	-
15	Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults	(KEY) Revised Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy agreed and adopted and East Sussex Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report (2012/13) and Business Plan 2013/15 noted.	As given in report.

16	Write-off of Irrecoverable Debts	(KEY) Write off of irrecoverable debts detailed in the exempt appendix, totalling £ 141,329.73, approved.	As given in report.
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Confidential items (public summary information only):

Personal details of employee, information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information), and information to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. are exempt information under Access to Information and Freedom of Information Rules).

19	Small Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2014/15	(KEY) Approved as listed. Full details of the grants would be made public as soon as the applicants had been informed of the awards.	Grants support voluntary and community groups in the borough and assist the Council in meeting its wider corporate plan objectives.
20	Alternative Employment Procedure.	Update report on position of employees currently subject to the procedure noted.	-
21	Towner	Cabinet considered a report updating members on progress in resolving outstanding contractual matters in relation to the construction of the Towner. The Chief Executive was given delegated authority to settle the dispute.	-

Inspection of background papers – Please see contact details listed in each report.

Further Information – The forward plan of key decisions, councillor contact details, committee membership lists and other related information are available from Local Democracy.

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