

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 14 March 2024



Lewes District Council

Notice dated: 14 March 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: |
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| 8 | Revenue & Capital Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2023-24 | (Non-key decision): (1) To note the forecast outturn position for 2023-24 and associated risks. (2) To delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Performance and the portfolio holder for finance to apply any budget virements required to effectively manage the overall budget. (3) To note Appendices 1 & 2 to the report. | To update members on the financial position of the Council and ensure that the Authority complies with its financial regulations. |

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| 9 | Portfolio Progress and Performance Report Quarter 3 - 2023-2024 | <p>(Non-key decision):</p> <p>To note progress and performance for Quarter 3 2023/24.</p> | <p>To enable Cabinet members to consider specific aspects of the council's progress and performance.</p> |
| 10 | Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report (Lewes) | <p>(Non-key decision):</p> <p>To note the achievements and activities of the Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety Partnership in 2023/24.</p> | <p>To consider progress on delivery of the current Community Safety plan.</p> |
| 11 | Housing Development and Property Update | <p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To note the progress of the housing delivery programme, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, and evolving New Homes Principles.</p> <p>(2) To note the pressures on budgets in maintaining the existing social housing stock in the current market economy.</p> <p>(3) To approve an increase to the total budget allocation within the capacity of the existing HRA Capital Programme of up to £4.7m for the purchase and development of land and assets at Peacehaven Golf and Fitness in accordance with Appendix 2 (Exempt), subject to planning, contract, valuation, and full due diligence.</p> <p>(4) To approve a new budget allocation within the capacity of the existing HRA Capital Programme of up to £1.6m for the development of land and assets at Broyle Close, Ringmer, to be taken through the Modular Housing Framework, in accordance with Appendix 3 (Exempt), subject to contract, valuation, and full due diligence.</p> | <p>(1) To provide Cabinet with an update on the growing housing delivery programme, in the context of the Corporate Plan.</p> <p>(2) To support HRA finances in the context of current pressures and further the Council's objectives to build and maintain quality, affordable, and sustainable homes.</p> <p>(3) To update on the challenges and financial pressures in maintaining the existing social housing stock, in the context of national cost increases and limitations in generating new income streams within the HRA.</p> |

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| | <p>(5) To approve £150k within the capacity of the existing HRA Capital Programme (2023/24) in order to capitalise costs associated with securing planning permission for the Phase 1 Garage Infills Programme.</p> | |
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| | <p>(6) To authorise the Assistant Director – Property and Development, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Performance (S151 Officer) and Lead Member for Finance, Assets and Community Wealth Building, to progress recommendations (3), (4) and (5) in the report and to conclude them including the approval and implementation of all processes and procedures, negotiation and agreement of terms, award of contract(s), and authorising the execution of all related documentation.</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.

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