

Decisions taken by the Cabinet On 1 November 2023



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

Notice dated: 02 November 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	Stability and Growth Programme	(Non-key): To note the report and agree in principle support to the proposed areas for savings set out at paragraph 2.18 of the report, subject to further Cabinet decisions or delegated authority as appropriate.	The Stability and Growth programme will work to drive improvement and efficiency, in line with the needs of the organisation, and also the recommendations made by the Assurance Reviews and the Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Challenge.
8	Updated and Aligned	(Key decision):	Eastbourne’s existing Scheme has not

	Scheme of Delegation to Officers	<p>(1) To consider the draft updated and aligned Scheme at Appendix 1 to the report and approve all executive delegations.</p> <p>(2) To refer its approval to Full Council for noting.</p>	been fully updated since 2015, leading to lack of clarity over certain officer powers and difficulty with implementation.
9	Housing Benefit War Pension and Armed Forces Compensation Policy	<p>Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):</p> <p>To recommend to Full Council, the disregarding in full of War Pensions income and the Armed Forces Compensation income above the statutory disregard in the assessment of Housing Benefit.</p>	As set out in the report.
10	Future options for delivery of council housing services in Eastbourne	<p>(Key decision):</p> <p>(1) To note and endorse the conclusions drawn by the project team following the high-level internal assessment process (set out at Appendix 1 to the report).</p> <p>(2) To note that the options presented may offer a better opportunity to respond to revised national regulatory and legislative requirements.</p> <p>(3) To note that any decision around the future of housing management will require a thorough consultation and engagement exercise with all tenants and stakeholders before the Council is in a position to change the service delivery model.</p> <p>(4) To approve a consultation and engagement exercise with EHL tenants and leaseholders, in line with the</p>	To enable a consultation exercise to be undertaken to inform future options for delivery of housing services.

	proposals set out in the report.	
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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 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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