

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 2 September 2019



Notice dated: 3 September 2019

Issued to all councillors and senior officers.

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Items 8.1 and 8.2 were urgent items.

DECISIONS:

Item No	Matter	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision
4	Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2019/20 Mid-Year Financial Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy.2. The Council take the robust actions necessary in this financial year and throughout the 2020/21 budget processes to achieve a sustainable budget.	The council matches its available resources to its priorities across the medium term. The Council needs to achieve savings of some £3.2m in order to achieve a sustainable budget in 2020-21. To date some £1.81m savings have been identified and there are estimated to be some £548,000 of reserves that could be used to help in the transition to a lower spending Council - subject to significant savings being achieved in 2019/20. This leaves some £1.496m of savings still to identify.

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			<p>The report provides the opportunity to assess the council's resources to assist the review of corporate priorities. The Council must be prepared for continued ongoing reductions in funding, greater volatility in its income streams, economic uncertainty and the need to continually ensure limited resources are properly aligned to targets.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Management Response to Overview & Scrutiny Review of Regeneration Funding</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet thanks the review team for their report. 2. Recommendation 1 is agreed, but that it is noted that actions that grow the wider Hastings economy will be critical to creating new opportunity for economic inclusion. 3. Recommendation 2 is agreed. 4. To accommodate recommendation 3 the Council will investigate how a greater focus could be given to representing local neighbourhoods through officer area champions. 5. Recommendation 4 is agreed. A “project board” drawn from Cabinet members will have oversight of the programme to be adopted in the forthcoming budget. 6. Overview & Scrutiny members are invited to comment upon the Hastings and Rother Task Force review of 	<p>The kind of action that will address long term symptoms and causes of poverty are lack of employment opportunities added to factors like education, health and skills. The council is actively engaged in trying to stimulate growth. The council can contribute to both growth and economic inclusion. Through partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and others it supports health initiatives and its housing programmes focus upon dealing with both the causes and consequence of poverty.</p> <p>Previous neighbourhood based work was part of a nationally funded programme aimed at the UKs most disadvantaged local authority areas. Hastings programme included funding for staff to support neighbourhood provision together with a</p>

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		<p>regeneration work and structures when this work is presented.</p>	<p>programme of area based grants. The Local Strategic Partnership had oversight of this programme with 21 key targets aimed at “gap closing” on key performance figures. Additionally, Hollington had a Greater Hollington Neighbourhood Pathfinder operating in the previous decade. Since this funding ceased the council has faced year on year reduction of its budgets.</p> <p>Additionally The Connecting Hastings & Rother Together (CHART), Community Led Local Development (CLLD) and Opportunity Area are significant programmes and the council should focus on how these might be built upon and extended into the future. The current budget of the council does not easily permit new areas of unfunded work to be developed. It is likely there will be less staff and financial resources available in 2020/21 and moving forward.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Central St Leonards Renewal Area Exit Review</p>	<p>1. That the contents of the report are noted</p>	<p>Following the end of the 15 year St Leonards Renewal Area an exit review has been undertaken. The results of this review are presented as an appendix to the report.</p>

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8.1	12/13 York Buildings (Part 1)	To increase the capital budget to convert the upper floors to 6 flats to £846,000 (was previously £757,000).	Following delays with obtaining consent to discharging conditions of the listed building consent and changes required to the original specification the project costs have increased. However with the historically low interest rates there is still a window of opportunity to convert the derelict upper floors in this grade 2 listed building (which has high conversion costs), to create much needed new residential accommodation and generate additional income for the Council. The estimated additional income increases from that reported in July 2018 despite the cost increase; this is the result of reductions in overall borrowing costs.
8.2	12/13 York Buildings (Part 2)	To increase the capital budget to convert the upper floors to 6 flats to £846,000 (was previously £757,000).	Following delays with obtaining consent to discharging conditions of the listed building consent and changes required to the original specification the project costs have increased. However with the historically low interest rates there is still a window of opportunity to convert the derelict upper floors in this grade 2 listed building (which has high conversion costs), to create much needed new residential accommodation and generate additional income for the Council. The estimated additional income increases

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