

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 4 November 2019



Notice dated: 5 November 2019

Issued to all councillors and senior officers.

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These decisions will come into force on the expiry of three working days after the publication of this decision notice unless implemented sooner for reasons of urgency.

Item 7 was an urgent item and is not subject to call in.

DECISIONS:

Item No	Matter	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision
4	Housing Renewal Financial Assistance Policy	<p>1. Cabinet approves the revised Housing Renewal Financial Assistance Policy 2019 at Appendix 1.</p> <p>2. Delegated authority is given to the Assistant Director Housing and Built Environment in consultation with the Lead Member to introduce new types of assistance that enable existing and new sources of funding to be targeted at eligible clients.</p>	To be able to respond promptly to freedoms provided by the provision of Disabled Facilities Grant funding through the Better Care Fund delegated authority is requested to develop and adopt new types of financial assistance for housing renewal.
5	Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy	<p>1. The revised Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy (Version 2.0) is approved.</p>	Due to the substantive changes proposed to the previously approved Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy Cabinet

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		<p>2. Cabinet are recommended to delegate future minor amendments to the Lead Member in consultation with the Assistant Director Housing and Built Environment and Chief Legal Officer.</p>	<p>approval is required.</p>
7	Potential Commercial Property Purchases (Part 2)	<p>1. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Leader, to acquire Property A for the agreed costs in the report.</p> <p>2. To agree to purchase the long lease of Property B for the agreed costs in the report.</p>	<p>The purchase of Property A provides an opportunity to secure a significant site in a prime location. This would help secure the long term economic development of Hastings and St Leonards, protect business rate income for the future, along with the potential to develop the site further, whilst also securing an income stream to help provide services within the borough.</p> <p>With regards to Property B, the Council already owns the freehold and has the potential to acquire the leasehold interest. The site is a prime location within Hastings.</p> <p>The Council needs to ensure that key areas remains attractive for the future to ensure businesses are attracted to, and remain in, Hastings – particularly so as the Council will need to ensure business rate growth in the future.</p> <p>Both properties provide the Council with</p>

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			the opportunity to diversify its property holdings and change the overall risk exposure within the portfolio. The Council would also secure additional income streams.
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