

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 18 December 2019

Notice dated: 19 December 2019

Issued to all councillors and senior officers.

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DECISIONS:

| Item No | Matter | Decision | Reason(s) for Decision |
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| 4 | Harold Place proposals | Cabinet agree to redevelop the site for a restaurant operation (excluding fit out) for a cost of up to £1.2m, subject to planning permission and an agreement to take the finished property on a long lease, from the preferred bidder (Option 1 in the report) on the terms outlined. The £1.2m figure to be included within the Capital programme. | <p>The Council has marketed the site, has received acceptable heads of terms for a long lease from a relatively well known and quality restaurant if the Council builds out the site to provide a building with a minimum of 2,200 square feet of accommodation.</p> <p>The Council has previously looked at options for straight disposal of the site for numerous uses ranging from a restaurant, offices to a small hotel.</p> <p>The creation of a restaurant type offering</p> |

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| | | | <p>would appear to be most financially viable proposal received and one which can provide further employment opportunities within the town as well as regenerating the area concerned.</p> <p>The retention of the ownership of the site and development by the Council would help ensure that the building would be built to a high quality and design and that there is a greater input on the future use of the site.</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p>Potential Commercial Property Purchase (Urgent decision)</p> | <p>Delegated authority is given to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the leader of the Council, to acquire the property as per report.</p> | <p>The industrial unit is within one of the key industrial estates within Hastings and remains a prime location as such 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>The property provides the Council with the opportunity to diversify its property holdings and change the overall risk exposure within the portfolio. The Council would secure an additional income</p> |

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| | | | stream, but must be prepared to invest further in this building in the future. |
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