

## Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 6 January 2020



### Notice dated: 08/01/20

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.

### DECISIONS:

Item No	Matter	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision
4	Bohemia leisure and cultural facilities study	<p>1. To agree in principle to provide a new leisure centre and leisure water, and primary entertainment centre on the Bohemia site, significantly improving on the town's current leisure and cultural offer, with provision for adding an arts centre if capital and revenue funding can be obtained</p> <p>2. £100 000 be set aside to commission detailed site and topographical surveys of the land, to inform and de-risk the next stage of the work; £35 000 to come from existing budgets, £65 000 to be a 'growth item' funded from general reserves</p>	To ensure that the project can be taken forward in a sensible, cost-effective way.

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		<p>3. A report be brought back to cabinet in autumn 2020 reporting on the outcome of the site surveys, recommending a location for the new leisure and entertainment centre, with provision for an arts centre, which would also take into account the potential value of investing in housing elsewhere on the site. This would consider alternative models for financing the work, and include a funding/partnership/investment strategy.</p>	
5	Treasury Management - Mid-Year Report 2019-20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cabinet agree the Mid Year report</li> <li>2. Cabinet recommends that the report goes to Council and they agree the Mid-Year report.</li> </ol>	<p>The Code of Practice on Treasury Management requires, as a minimum, a mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy and performance. This is intended to highlight any areas of concern that have arisen since the original strategy was approved (February 2019). It is a requirement of the Code of Practice that the Mid-year review is considered by Cabinet and full Council.</p>
6	Town Deal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To delegate authority to the Director of Operational Services or his nominee in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration and Culture to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a Town Board and agree its membership with the relevant partners including with local businesses and the community.</li> <li>• To procure services and expertise to develop a Town Investment Plan and agree the Town Deal using the £173,029 awarded by the government</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The government recently launched the Towns Fund with the objective of driving the economic regeneration of towns such as Hastings and delivering long term economic and productivity growth. The Towns Fund will provide up to £25 million public investment by central government through the</li> </ol>

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		<p>to support this initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To establish a project team to oversee the development of the plans and its implementation in conjunction with the County Council and other partners as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>agreement of a Town Deal.</p> <p>2. There is also the possibility of additional funding which may come from other sources or branches of government and private investment, to support the implementation of a Town Deal. It offers an opportunity for Hastings to address many of the remaining social and economic challenges in the town as a whole.</p>
7	Buckshole Reservoir	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cabinet agrees that the 2 options recommended by Stillwater Associates Ltd in the reports attached at appendices 1 and 2 are the most appropriate way for the council to meet the requirements of the Reservoirs Act 1975.</li> <li>2. Cabinet authorises the Director of Operational Services to work with the East Sussex Procurement Hub, to procure and let a contract to deliver the two options recommended in the reports attached at appendices 1 and 2.</li> <li>3. Cabinet authorises the Director of Operational Services to contract with Stillwater Associates Ltd to provide the main specialist technical support to the council throughout the project, including that</li> </ol>	<p>The works to the reservoir are a mandatory requirement enforced by the Environment Agency, and the council needs to approve a scheme of works to secure compliance with the current statutory guidance.</p> <p>A specialist approved reservoirs contractor has provided the council with comprehensive reports evaluating the options and recommending those, which they believe, are the most appropriate.</p> <p>Following discussions between the council's specialist reservoirs inspection contractor and the Environment Agency, the deadline for completing the works is</p>

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		<p>referred to in paragraph 18. As well as contracting with any other specialist contractors that may be required.</p> <p>4. Cabinet increases the capital programme budget for Buckshole Reservoir from £71,000 to £837,000 and agrees the revenue implications of an additional £62,775 p.a. as detailed in paragraphs 33 to 36.</p> <p>5. It was agreed cross party that the LGA (Local Government Association) would be contacted to seek similar Local Authorities to write to the Environmental agency for additional funding.</p>	<p>provisionally April 2022.</p> <p>The Council does not receive additional money for these works in its funding settlement. The cost of these works have a large impact on the Councils finances.</p>
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