

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 6 July 2020

Notice dated: 8 July 2020

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	Planning Enforcement Policy Updated	To approve the Revised Planning Enforcement Policy.	The existing Planning Enforcement Policy was approved by CMG in 2017 and sets out how the service will respond to complaints regarding alleged breaches of planning control. The policy has recently been updated and amended following a review and restructure within Planning Services.
5	Financial Implications Arising From Covid-19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An updated Medium-Term Financial Strategy be considered by Cabinet on the 1 September 2020; this will include a mid-year review of the Capital Programme and the impacts on reserves. 2. To continue to review expenditure pressures 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the Council. Most, if not all, areas of council activity have been substantially impacted. The Council's financial position was difficult before the pandemic and it is now even more challenging.

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		<p>and income opportunities as part of the Council’s Priority Income and Expenditure Review (PIER) process in order to help achieve sustainable budgets in the future.</p> <p>3. The Council continue to make representations for additional funding from government – both in the short and long term.</p>	<p>2. The Council’s revised Medium Term Financial Strategy will look to provide revised expenditure and income projections for 2020/21 and the years beyond. This will form the basis for producing a budget for 2021/22 albeit that until the final funding settlement is known (expected December 2020), much of the budget planning work will need to consist of scenario planning and identifying potential savings.</p> <p>3. The Council was already exposed to a much greater degrees of volatility in terms of its income from Non-Domestic Rates and expenditure in terms of Council Tax Support claims – the costs falling directly on the Council and the preceptors. Deficits incurred during the year will impact on the 2021/22 accounts The potential downside risks of Covid-19 and Brexit and the increased reliance on income streams are difficult to estimate accurately as yet; the Council</p>
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			<p>needs to maintain sufficient reserves to deal with these and other unexpected events still to come.</p> <p>4. The Council has had enormous budget cuts every year since 2010. Given the financial pressures now being faced services will need to continue to identify and make savings in order to produce balanced budgets for future years unless there is more funding. The Council will continue to make representations to government for additional funding both in the short and long term.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Housing and Homelessness Recovery Plan</p>	<p>1. To support the 3 priorities set out in the council’s housing and homelessness recovery plan, as set out in paragraph 11</p> <p>2. For Hastings Borough Council to host a Housing Solutions role, within the Mental Health Specialist Accommodation Team. To allocate funding of £6,842 for the role.</p> <p>3. To continue to provide dispersed temporary accommodation placements for rough sleepers. The</p>	<p>The outbreak of Coronavirus has placed additional demand for on the council’s homelessness services. A range of activities are underway with partners to help reduce pressure upon the service and help mitigate the additional costs associated with extended temporary accommodation usage.</p>

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		<p>full year net cost to the council is estimated at £643,000</p> <p>4. To note the net cost of the council's statutory emergency accommodation is estimated to be £343,000 above the original budget projection for 2020/21</p> <p>5. To continue to lobby government to provide additional funding to help meet the rising costs of homelessness</p> <p>6. To resume the launch of Live, Work, Thrive and extend the programme end date until March 2023</p>	
7	Freedom Leisure Financial Support	<p>1. To agree financial support to Freedom Leisure with the unmitigated costs of reopening the leisure centres and reconciled through an open book process. Up to the approved amount by Cabinet, for the remainder of this financial year up to 31st March 2021</p> <p>2. To delegate authority to the Assistant Director, Regeneration and Culture, and the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the lead councillor for Financial Management and Estates, and lead councillor for Natural Environment and Leisure to reduce this figure, in terms of HBC cost, in line with any</p>	<p>1. The council are committed to assisting Freedom Leisure in reopening the leisure centres in Hastings as soon as it is practicable, and officers are working with them to minimise costs to HBC for the remainder of the financial year.</p> <p>2. Further detail of government funding, for HBC loss of income and expenditure, and what support government are considering for</p>

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		additional funding received from government.	<p>council owned leisure centres are still to be released, though this is expected shortly. Officers, under delegated authority, will work with Freedom Leisure and lead councillors in mitigating costs to HBC via utilising whatever funding is available via the government.</p> <p>3. The cost of supporting these centres as closed, or mothballed, is more than opening the facilities.</p> <p>4. The health and wellbeing of our residents is a priority and particularly prominent at this time of COVID-19. Ensuring the resilience of our leisure facilities will play a vital role in securing positive outcomes for our residents now and for the future.</p>
9	Potential Development - Conwallis Street Car Park	Agree to proceed on the basis of revised terms – subject to the hotel chain achieving board approval.	The revised terms may result in the scheme proceeding. The scheme remains a viable option should the Council wish to proceed.

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