

Notice dated: 6 October 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	Medium Term Financial Strategy	1. Approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy. 2. The Council continues to take the robust actions necessary in this financial year and throughout the 2021/22 budget process to achieve a sustainable budget.	The council matches its available resources to its priorities across the medium term. The Council needs to achieve estimated savings of some £2.7m in order to achieve a sustainable budget in 2021-22. In arriving at this figure many assumptions have had to be made on future funding and particularly on the impacts of Covid-19. The estimate will continue to be updated as and when implications become clearer and once the government announces details of future funding.

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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>The Council has a statutory duty to set a balanced revenue budget each year and this strategy seeks to highlight the major issues (in advance) in order to do so.</p>
5	Planning for recovery: HBC priorities and actions	<p>1. That Cabinet approve appendix A as an initial direction of travel for the council's recovery and resilience intentions.</p> <p>2. That Cabinet agree the associated next steps proposed.</p>	<p>1. The onset of Covid 19 has prompted the need to reconcile existing commitments agreed in the corporate plan 2020-24 with new or changed commitments brought about as a result of this virus and the need to track how we are doing against new or changed commitments.</p> <p>2. That the council also clarify its recovery and resilience intentions as far as possible, as a basis to continue and extend dialogue with partners to prepare</p>

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			for subsequent opportunities and challenges that lay ahead, given the onset of Covid 19.
6	Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery	<p>1. Cabinet agree that Hastings Borough Council be the lead local authority in the East Sussex Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery bid and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.</p> <p>2. Cabinet agree entering into partnership funding agreements with East Sussex County Council and Optivo for the delivery of the East Sussex Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery fund.</p> <p>3. Delegated power is provided to the Assistant Director Housing and Built Environment to amend the funding payable to East Sussex County Council and Optivo in the event the grant made by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is different than identified in the application.</p>	<p>1. As the lead authority in the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery funding bid for East Sussex any successful bid funding will be made to Hastings Borough Council. To receive the funding Hastings Borough Council is required to sign a memorandum of understanding with BEIS.</p> <p>2. In order to deliver the project Hastings Borough Council needs to enter into funding agreements with the two main delivery partners in the bid (East Sussex County Council and Optivo housing association)</p> <p>3. If the grant made by BEIS is different than the original application the funding provided to ESCC and Optivo will need to be re-calculated and the agreements amended as necessary.</p>
7	Next Steps Accommodation Programme		1. The council has submitted a bid to the MHCLG's Next Steps Accommodation Programme on behalf of East Sussex

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			Partners to help enhance services locally for rough sleepers.
8	Museum Committee Recommendations	1. That Cabinet note and approve the recommendations of the Museum Committee meeting held on 7 September 2020	1. The Museum Committee has no formal decision making powers and acts as an advisory committee to Cabinet.
10	Hastings Town Fund £1m Accelerated Fund Projects	1. That Cabinet note, subject to confirmation by the government to approve all the projects and expenditure identified in the Town Fund Accelerated Fund Approved Project list detailed in Paragraph 9. 2. That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Culture or her nominee, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to enter into agreements with the managing authority and the identified Accelerated Fund project leads to deliver the projects and associated outcomes as set out in paragraph 9.	The fund has been released as an early phase of the Governments Town Fund Initiative. Cabinet approval is needed to delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Culture, in consultation with the leader of the council, to enter into agreements with the delivery partners. This is still subject to formal MHCLG approval, which is expected by the end of September 2020.

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