

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 7 March 2022



Notice dated: 8th March 2022

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 | Cornwallis Street car park | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Resolve that Cornwallis Street Car Park, as shown edged red on the attached plan, is no longer required for the purposes for which it is currently held (i.e. as a car park).2. Approve the appropriation of the land pursuant to section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the planning purposes of facilitating redevelopment for residential and other uses pursuant to section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.3. Approves the use of powers to override any easements and other rights in respect of the land | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The appropriation of the car park is necessary in order to secure the benefits from the redevelopment of the site to provide a new hotel.2. Appropriation of the site will enable the development to proceed without the risk of an injunction from adjoining landowners. |

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| | | <p>pursuant to section 203 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.</p> <p>4. Agrees the approach of notifying, engaging with, and negotiating with affected third parties.</p> | |
| 5 | Climate Change Strategy update and plans for 2022 | <p>1. To acknowledge the progress made against the actions of the climate emergency action plan since the last report to Cabinet in October 2021</p> <p>2. To recognise the breadth and scale of the challenge of our net-zero ambitions, and that these can only be delivered by collaborating and working together across all sectors from national and local government to local business and organisations and individuals through their lifestyle choices.</p> <p>3. To acknowledge the need to continue to lobby for additional finances, and to encourage others to do so the same, to meet the scale and pace of investment required to meet the ambitions of the strategy</p> | <p>1. To recognise the achievements to date since adoption of the action plan in March 2020.</p> <p>2. This report covers the period October 2021 to March 2022 building on the annual report that was presented to Cabinet October 2021</p> |
| 6 | Energy Procurement - electricity contract renewal | <p>1. Agree to purchase electricity through the Laser Fixed Term Fixed Price Framework 2019-2023 Electricity option, to continue the Council's Green Electricity purchase plans.</p> <p>2. To delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Lead Member, to</p> | <p>1. The Council's Constitution, Part 9 Financial Rules Section 3, requires Cabinet approval for expenditure exceeding £200,000.</p> <p>2. The Council's electricity contract with the Laser purchasing group ends October</p> |

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| | | finalise the agreements. | <p>2022. A decision needs to be made about procurement options by March 2022 to ensure a new supplier can secure the Council's energy needs from the energy market, six months in advance of the new supplier commencing.</p> <p>3. Officers have engaged with the Procurement Hub and investigated three procurement options to buy the Council's electricity from October 2022 and met with three alternative providers. 4. All three suppliers offer a slightly different approach to procuring the energy, the Laser Framework is the lower risk option offering a fully green electricity supplier (rather than a REGO backed supply).</p> |
| 7 | Management Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations on reviewing the process and procedure of motions submitted at Full Council | <p>1. That Cabinet thank the Scrutiny review team for their report</p> <p>2. That Cabinet approve this management response to the review team recommendations</p> | <p>1. To respond to recommendations agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny at their Committee meeting on the 9th of December 2021.</p> |
| 8 | Leisure Services Externally Funded | <p>1. To be advised of the Active Hastings team's current externally funded programme</p> | <p>1. The size of Council's Active Hastings team and the level of service is dependent</p> |

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| | <p>Projects update 2022-23</p> | <p>2. Delegate authority to Assistant Director Regeneration and Culture, or her nominee, in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration to enter into contract and utilise approx. £220,000 of funding to deliver the activity outlined in paragraphs 13-18</p> <p>3. To be advised of the capital funding application for the enhancement of Alexandra Park tennis courts and to delegate authority to Assistant Director Regeneration and Culture, or her nominee, in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration, to enter into contract and progress the project if the grant is successfully awarded</p> | <p>upon the amount of external funding raised each year. This report outlines the current position.</p> <p>2. Alexandra Park hosts the only public tennis courts in the town. A funding application has been submitted to enhance these facilities. We are seeking approval to progress if the application is successful.</p> |
| <p>9</p> | <p>Affordable Housing Development</p> | <p>1. To bring 6 units of accommodation at 12/13 York Buildings into use as affordable housing</p> <p>2. That Cabinet recommends to Full Council that a detailed business case and initial surveys are commissioned to facilitate this for the development of land to the rear of 419 – 447 Bexhill Road at a cost of up to £75,000.</p> <p>3. That Cabinet recommends to Full Council that a detailed business case and initial surveys are commissioned to facilitate this for the development of land at Mayfield E at a cost of up to £75,000.</p> | <p>1. Delivery of new affordable housing in Hastings has failed to keep pace with rising demand. A shortage of affordable housing is creating additional pressures and costs to the council, particularly the rising use of temporary accommodation. The council has agreed a commitment to increase the supply of new affordable rented homes by 500 units over the next 5 years.</p> |

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| | | 4. That Cabinet recommends to Full Council that delegated authority is given to the Assistant Director, Housing and Built Environment, in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing to finalise the specification for the business case and procure these services | |
| 12 | Hastings Contemporary | <p>1. To recommend to Full Council that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Assistant Director Regeneration and Culture and the Leader of the Council to agree terms to accept a surrender of the lease to Gallerium Establishment Ltd (GEL)</p> <p>2. To recommend to Full Council to delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Assistant Director Regeneration and Culture, and the Leader of the Council to agree terms to grant a lease to Hastings Contemporary (HC)</p> | The existing lessee has offered the building to the Council as a public benefit for the people of Hastings on the basis that it is retained for its current use. This presents an opportunity for the Council to secure the future of the site. Delegated authority is sought in order to negotiate and complete the respective agreements in a short period. |
| 13 | East Sussex Rough Sleeping Initiative - Commissioning Update | <p>1. To grant an exemption under rule 21c of the council's financial operating procedures to commission services for an interim extension to the Rough Sleeping Initiative services from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 to avoid gaps in provision</p> <p>2. To grant an exemption under rule 21c of the council's financial operating procedures to commission services funded by Public Health by the end of March 2022, for delivery in 2022/23</p> | 1. The application process for the Rough Sleeping Initiative has been delayed by the pandemic. Extending existing contracts will prevent any gaps in provision. |

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