

## Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 16 June 2021



### Notice dated: 21/06/21

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	Welcome Back Fund, Contain Outbreak Management Fund and Culture Recovery Fund proposals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To seek delegated authority to the Managing Director or relevant nominee, in consultation with the Leader to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit funding application form (action plan), sign the grant funding agreement, sign any relevant service level agreement with delivery partners, and commence spend, in some cases at risk, for the welcome back funding proposed interventions as detailed paragraph 14.</li><li>• From the Government's Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF), allocate £80,000 to</li></ul></li></ol>	To ensure that the government's various Covid funding schemes are used to best effect in Hastings.

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		<p>the Environmental Health and Licensing Team to help reduce the spread of coronavirus and support public health initiatives, and £10,000 to the Parking Services Team towards enhancing communication via digital signage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocate the Culture Recovery Fund Grant to eligible costs in line with the funding scheme aims</li> </ul> <p>Reasons for Recommendations To ensure that the government's various Covid funding schemes are used to best effect in Hastings</p>	
<b>6</b>	Parking Spaces at Winding Street	1. Cabinet recommend to full Council that terms be agreed to lease the parking spaces to the new owners of the IBC at less than Market Rent (Nil rent).	Use of the five parking spaces is considered essential by IBC for the practical operation of the centre and while letting at less than Market Value is a financial loss to the Council this is outweighed by the benefit to the Community as a whole.
<b>7</b>	Cabinet Appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Partnerships	1. To defer to the next Cabinet meeting as some appointments still need finalisation	1. To defer to the next Cabinet meeting as some appointments still need finalisation
<b>9</b>	Lease and Management Agreement for the Bale House (Part 1)	1. Cabinet agree the draft Heads of Terms for the lease and management agreement with Groundwork South for the Bale House Visitor Centre at Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve, and	1. The Bale House is our new visitor centre at Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve. It is due to open this Summer, 2021. Council Officers have negotiated a proposed 10-year agreement with

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		<p>2. Delegate authority to enter into a legal agreement for the lease and management agreement with Groundwork South to the Chief Legal Officer, in conjunction with the Assistant Director of Environment and Place, and the lead councillor for the Environment.</p>	<p>Groundwork Trust to manage the centre on our behalf. Authorisation to proceed with a lease and management agreement are required to enable an operator to be appointed, so the new visitor centre can open this Summer.</p> <p>2. The draft lease and the draft management agreement are commercially sensitive and are detailed in a Part 2 report.</p>
10	Buckshole Reservoir Safety Improvements - Update Part 1	<p>Cabinet recommends the report for Full Council to:</p> <p>Authorise the capital and revenue budgets for this project to be increased as detailed in the associated part 2 report on this agenda.</p>	<p>1. The original estimates for the costs of the project were carefully developed by specialists before approval by cabinet on 6th January 2020. They included a 10% contingency sum and were also adjusted to take account of potential inflation between Autumn 2019 and Summer 2021, when the works were likely to be carried out. However, the tenders obtained through the East Sussex Procurement Hub in 2021 are significantly higher than the original estimates. There are well understood reasons for this and these are set out in this report. They include the need to amend the specification to secure planning approval, and the significant financial impact of the pandemic and EU-</p>

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			<p>exit on the UK construction and civil engineering sectors.</p> <p>2. It is essential that this project goes ahead as the works are mandatory, and necessary to reduce the risk to life and property associated with a failure of the reservoir infrastructure. In addition, the council would be the subject of enforcement action by the Environment Agency were it not to comply with the guidance and complete the works as required by spring 2022.</p>
12	Lease and Management Agreement for the Bale House (Part 2)	<p>1. Cabinet agree the draft Heads of Terms for the lease and management agreement with Groundwork South for the Bale House Visitor Centre at Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve, and</p> <p>2. Delegate authority to enter into a legal agreement for the lease and management agreement with Groundwork South to the Chief Legal Officer, in conjunction with the Assistant Director of Environment and Place, and the lead councillor for the Environment.</p>	<p>1. The Bale House is our new visitor centre at Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve. It is due to open this Summer, 2021. Council Officers have negotiated a proposed 10-year agreement with Groundwork Trust to manage the centre on our behalf. Authorisation to proceed with a lease and management agreement are required to enable an operator to be appointed, so the new visitor centre can open this Summer.</p> <p>2. The draft lease and the draft management agreement are commercially sensitive and are detailed in a Part 2</p>

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13	Buckshole Reservoir Safety Improvements - Update Part 2	<p>Cabinet recommends the report for Full Council to:</p> <p>Authorise the capital and revenue budgets for this project to be increased as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase the capital budget as agreed by Cabinet</li> <li>2. Increase the revenue budget as agreed by Cabinet</li> </ol>	<p>1. The original estimates for the costs of the project were carefully developed by specialists before approval by cabinet on 6th January 2020. They included a 10% contingency sum and were also adjusted to take account of potential inflation between Autumn 2019 and Summer 2021, when the works were likely to be carried out. However, the tenders obtained through the East Sussex Procurement Hub in 2021 are significantly higher than the original estimates. There are well understood reasons for this and these are set out in this report. They include the need to amend the specification to secure planning approval, and the significant financial impact of the pandemic and EU-exit on the UK construction and civil engineering sectors.</p> <p>2. It is essential that this project goes ahead as the works are mandatory, and necessary to reduce the risk to life and property associated with a failure of the reservoir infrastructure. In addition, the council would be the subject of enforcement action by the Environment</p>

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