

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 3 October 2022



Notice dated: 4th October 2022

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
6	Castleham Industrial Units roof refurbishment	The Capital programme budget is increased from £250,000 to £325,000	Costs have increased since the budget was set.
7	Agreeing the delivery model for Grounds Maintenance Services from November 2023	<p>It is recommended that Cabinet approve this report for consideration at Full Council with the following recommendations:</p> <p>(i) To in-source the grounds maintenance service from November 2023, adding the service to Hastings Direct Services Organisation (HDSO).</p> <p>(ii) To authorise the Waste & Cleansing Services Manager to progress the new Ground Maintenance</p>	<p>The current grounds maintenance contract with IdVerde comes to an end in November 2023. To ensure that there is no service disruption, Hastings Borough Council (HBC) will require a new supplier to carry out the work from that point forward.</p> <p>With the assistance of an external grounds maintenance consultant, a review</p>

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service from November 2023, including the appointment of support staff, the procurement of any equipment and establishment of budgets as outlined in this report.

of the current GM service has been undertaken, and a full pricing exercise completed to establish the market rate of carrying out the council's GM service either as an in-house (via HDSO) or outsourced (via a contractor) operation. The outcome of that exercise, coupled with HBC's own soft market testing has demonstrated that the current service, if tendered right now, would be unaffordable.

With this in mind, an in-house proposal has been developed to provide a simplified service that covers HBC statutory and health and safety (H&S) responsibilities, while remaining affordable and continuing to offer some flexibility. It is recommended that this service be implemented from November 2023.

The Council's statutory duty to ensure the service offers Best Value is an important consideration in this matter. The S.151 Officer and Chief Legal Officer are persuaded that the evidence from the extensive market testing, and information provided by the consultants about the local market and procurement exercises

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			undertaken in our geographic area both demonstrate that the approach offers best economic and social value.
9	Castleham Industrial Units roof refurbishment - Part 2	The Capital programme budget is increased from £250,000 to £325,000	Costs have increased since the budget was set.
10	Agreeing the delivery model for Grounds Maintenance Services from November 2023 - Part 2	<p>It is recommended that Cabinet approve this report for consideration at Full Council with the following recommendations:</p> <p>(i) To in-source the grounds maintenance service from November 2023, adding the service to Hastings Direct Services Organisation (HDSO).</p> <p>(ii) To authorise the Waste & Cleansing Services Manager to progress the new Ground Maintenance service from November 2023, including the appointment of support staff, the procurement of any equipment and establishment of budgets as outlined in this report.</p>	<p>The current grounds maintenance contract with IdVerde comes to an end in November 2023. To ensure that there is no service disruption, Hastings Borough Council (HBC) will require a new supplier to carry out the work from that point forward.</p> <p>With the assistance of an external grounds maintenance consultant, a review of the current GM service has been undertaken, and a full pricing exercise completed to establish the market rate of carrying out the council's GM service either as an in-house (via HDSO) or outsourced (via a contractor) operation. The outcome of that exercise, coupled with HBC's own soft market testing has demonstrated that the current service, if tendered right now, would be</p>

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11	591 Sedlescombe Road North	To agree to settle the rent review at the agreed amount	This will be increased revenue for the Council.

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