

## Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 5 December 2022



### Notice dated: 6<sup>th</sup> December 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
4	Designation of a Cycle Route through Alexandra Park	<b>Cabinet reviews the proposal to allow cycling on a designated route in Alexandra Park and recommend the report to Full Council for their consideration with a view to determining whether a shared cycle route should be designated in Alexandra Park.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In 2016, Cabinet agreed to support a shared cycle route through Alexandra Park following a detailed design by East Sussex County Council and public consultation in 2015 over the proposed route.</li><li>2. There has been a significant delay in implementing the project since the 2016 Cabinet approval.</li><li>3. East Sussex County Council are now ready to proceed with the scheme during</li></ol>

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			<p>2023/24.</p> <p>4. Following the 2021 public consultation over new park's bye laws, the council received strong representations from members of the community both in favour of, and against the proposed shared cycle route.</p> <p>5. Considering the significant delay since the 2016 Cabinet approval and recent representations to the council over the proposals, it is considered appropriate for councillors to review the scheme and recommend the report to Full Council for their consideration with a view to determining whether a cycle route should be designated in Alexandra Park.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>Fees and Charges 2023/24</p>	<p><b>1. Fees and Charges be increased by a minimum of 10% except where there are clear reasons for not doing so, or where charges are on a statutory basis.</b></p> <p><b>2. Fees and charges proposed by services be agreed.</b></p>	<p>The Council relies on income from fees and charges to provide services and supplement Government funding where this does not fully cover the cost of the service, we as a Council provide. Historically costs have continued to increase whilst central funding decreases.</p>

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6	Buckshole Reservoir finance update (Part 1)	<p><b>1. Cabinet approves the report for consideration at Full Council with the recommendation to increase the capital budget for the Buckshole Reservoir safety improvement works in line with the figures provided in the associated part 2 report.</b></p> <p><b>2. To give delegated authority to the Managing Director in consultation with the Lead Member for the Environment to make provision for the additional budget.</b></p>	<p>Several factors, including the global pandemic, have led to an increase in the cost of materials which has had the effect of increasing the costs of the project above the current capital budget.</p>
7	East Hill Cliff Railway - Major Works (Part 1)	<p><b>1. Cabinet recommends to Council that the Council Leader and Managing Director are delegated authority to proceed with capital works and allocated a suitable budget.</b></p> <p><b>2. Cabinet recommends to Council that the Council Leader and Managing Director are granted derogation from normal procurement process, to instruct the preferred contractor immediately, and complete works as soon as possible.</b></p>	<p>The East Hill Cliff Railway, the steepest operational funicular in the country, is currently closed the public and unable to operate for health and safety reasons. Until works are completed the service will remain unavailable to users, and no income will be received.</p> <p>Derogation from standard procurement protocol is requested in order to expedite works – these works are specialised and have a limited number of potential contractors with the expertise and means to deliver the project. Embarking on a likely lengthy procurement exercise will only result in lost revenue, with material costs continuing to increase over time.</p>

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11	Buckshole Reservoir finance update (Part 2)	<p><b>1. Cabinet approves the report for consideration at Full Council with the recommendation to increase the capital budget for the Buckshole Reservoir safety improvement works in line with the figures provided in the associated part 2 report.</b></p> <p><b>2. To give delegated authority to the Managing Director in consultation with the Lead Member for the Environment to make provision for the additional budget.</b></p>	Several factors, including the global pandemic, have led to an increase in the cost of materials which has had the effect of increasing the costs of the project above the current capital budget.
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