

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 3 April 2023



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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	Review of the Hastings Borough Council Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cabinet agree the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles and recommend to Full Council for adoption.2. Recommend a No Casino resolution to not issue casino premises licences in the borough to Full Council.	It is a statutory requirement for the council to review the Gambling Act Statement of Principles and the No Casino Resolution every three years. Failure to do so could result in judicial review proceedings against the council and call in to doubt the decisions made by the Licensing Committee under the Act

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5	Town Living Project	<p>That Cabinet recommends that Full Council approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to progress Phase 1 of the Town Living project; 2. to establish a capital budget of £1,037,615 (to be funded via the Town Fund programme) for the Town Living project; 3. to delegate authority to the Managing Director to complete Phase 1 of the Town Living project, including any associated procurement; and 4. to source a property/properties for Phase 2 of the Town Living project. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Hastings Town Fund Programme has awarded the Town Living project £1,037,615. Phase 1 has been awarded £794,000 which is the estimated cost of completing this phase. 2. The project will provide a best practice example of how to renovate and retrofit a listed building, increase the supply of permanent affordable housing in the town centre, support reductions in carbon emissions and energy costs and provide training and employment opportunities in whole house retrofitting. 3. A Council owned Grade II listed property will be fully restored, energy efficient and converted to Affordable Rent housing.

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6	Energy Procurement-Electricity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge the change from the Laser Framework to eEnergy, with a requirement of 100% renewable energy, as per the Council's Green Electricity purchase plans. 2. Agree to the Bureau Service from eEnergy, at a cost of £4,800 a year, to supply Portfolio Management, Bill Validation and Bureau management. 3. To delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Lead Member, to finalise the agreements. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council's Constitution, Part 9 Financial Rules Section 3, requires Cabinet approval for expenditure exceeding £200,000. 2. The Council's electricity contract with the Laser purchasing group ends on 30th September 2023. A decision needs to be made about procurement options by March 2023 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. 3. Officers have engaged with the Procurement Hub and investigated three procurement options to buy the Council's electricity from 1st October 2023. 4. All three suppliers offer a slightly different approach to procuring energy, the eEnergy Framework can offer the best chance of receiving a competitive price from a fully green electricity supplier (rather than a Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin (REGO) backed supply) due to this framework having a higher number of suppliers
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			<p>offering this service.</p> <p>5. Delegated Authority is required as the tendering process happens within a single day and therefore there is no timeframe to delay the decision.</p>
7	Museum Committee Recommendations	That Cabinet note and approve the recommendations of the Museum Committee meeting held on 13 March 2023	The Museum Committee has no formal decision-making powers and acts as an advisory committee to Cabinet.

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