

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION (THE DECISIONS LIST)

Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
15 December 2023	Cabinet	No

SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Matters Referred to the Cabinet by a Committee - Reference from the Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee - A.1 - Post Delivery Scrutiny of the Sunspot Commercial Workspace

Decision:

RESOLVED that the recommendation made by the Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted and that the response of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism thereto be endorsed.

Reasons for Decision:

Having duly considered the recommendation submitted to Cabinet by the Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee, together with the response of the Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism Portfolio Holder thereto.

Alternative Options Considered:

Not to endorse the Portfolio Holder's response.

Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Lee Heley, Corporate Director (Place & Economy)

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Leader of the Council's Items - A.2 - Delivering against the Council's Corporate Plan 2024-28 - Initial Proposals for Highlight Priorities for 2024/25

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet resolves that -

- (a) the initial highlight priorities for 2024/25, as set out at Appendix B to report A.2, be approved for consultation;
- (b) all Councillors, other partners and the public be invited to consider the initial priorities referred to in (a) above; and
- (c) the outcome of the consultation referred to in (b) above be reported to Cabinet on 15 March 2024 in order that Cabinet can formally adopt its finalised highlight priority actions for 2024/25.

Reasons for Decision:

Recognising that the rationale for the Portfolio Holder's recommendations was to set out openly for all concerned the initial proposals for highlight priorities for 2024/25 and that this supported the openness agenda of the Council and provided an opportunity for engagement with the public, businesses and partners on those initial proposals. Through consultation it was hoped that the views received could help shape the priorities that would finally be adopted (within the reality of the Council's budgetary position).

Alternative Options Considered:

As these are initial proposed highlight priorities the Cabinet has not discounted any alternatives replacing those identified in Appendix B. The option of not publishing initial proposed highlight priorities was assessed and discounted as it did not support the Council's openness agenda and good decision making (through taking account of the views of residents, businesses and partners).

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

Not yet - though this will now occur following this decision being made.

Contact Officer:

Keith Simmons, Head of Democratic Services and Elections

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Leader of the Council's Items - A.3 - Proposed Minor Amendments to the Council's Constitution

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL that the Council's Constitution be amended to reflect the proposed changes as set out in Appendix 1 attached hereto report A.3.

Reasons for Decision:

Having considered the outcome of the review of the mandatory training of Members carried out by the Councillor Development Portfolio Holder Working Party and the Portfolio Holder's recommendation arising therefrom, and in order to enable that recommendation to be submitted to the Full Council for approval and adoption.

Alternative Options Considered:

- (1) Not to approve the recommendation;
- (2) To amend or substitute the recommendation.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Ian Ford, Committee Services Manager

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Leader of the Council's Items - A.4 - Updated General Fund Financial Forecast / Budget 2024/25

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet -

- a) approves the updated Financial Forecast and proposed budget position for 2024/25 as set out in report A.4 and its appendices; and

- b) requests the Overview and Scrutiny Committees' comments on this latest financial forecast and proposed budget position for 2024/25.

Reasons for Decision:

In order to set out the latest financial forecast as part of the process of developing the budget proposals for 2024/25.

Alternative Options Considered:

This is broadly covered in the main body of this report.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Richard Barrett, Assistant Director (Finance and IT) & Section 151 Officer

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism Portfolio Holder - A.5 - Government Funding Opportunities for Tendring

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet –

- (a) accepts the High Street Accelerator Funding offered by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and authorises the Corporate Director (Place and Economy) and the Section 151 Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Council, which sets out the agreement;
- (b) delegates the forming of the High Street Accelerator Board, and acceptance of its Terms of Reference, to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism;
- (c) accepts the Long Term Plan for Towns Funding offered by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and authorises the Corporate Director (Place and Economy) and the Section 151 Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Council, which sets out the agreement;
- (d) delegates the forming of the Towns Board, and acceptance of its Terms of Reference, to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism;

- (e) delegates the authorisation of the spending of the £45,000 Levelling Up Partnership Capacity Payment to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism; and
- (f) delegates entering into any agreements with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities for the funding streams set out in this report (LU Partnership, Long Term Plan For Towns, High Streets Accelerator) to the Corporate Director (Place and Economy), in consultation with the Section 151 Officer.

Reasons for Decision:

As those funding streams would enable the Council to accelerate progress towards further achieving the Council’s ambitions and delivering for local people against the newly adopted Corporate Plan, offering a chance to support a range of opportunities across the District’s largest towns, as Government had targeted interventions to specific locations in Tendring and acknowledging that many of the funding streams had a short timeline to achieve their objectives and the Portfolio Holder’s recommendations would allow delivery to continue at pace.

Alternative Options Considered:

There are other options which have been considered:

Not accepting these funding offers from Government would allow Officer time to be focused on other projects and would reduce any financial or delivery risk to the Council from running major capital works.

However, not accepting the funding would also reduce the opportunity for investment in the towns of Clacton and Dovercourt at a significant scale, with the benefits that will bring, and have a negative reputational implication.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

Yes

Contact Officer:

Lee Heley, Corporate Director (Place & Economy)

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Joint Report of the Housing and Planning Portfolio Holder and the Corporate Finance & Governance Portfolio Holder - A.6 - Updated Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Budget Proposals 2024/25

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet -

- (a) approves the updated Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 year Business Plan, which includes the proposed revised position for 2023/24 along with budget proposals for 2024/25; and
- (b) requests the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee's comments on this latest HRA financial forecast.

Reasons for Decision:

In order to enable Cabinet to approve the most up to date HRA Business Plan which set out a revised position for 2023/24 along with the proposed HRA budget for 2024/25 for consultation with the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Alternative Options Considered:

This is broadly covered in the main body of this report.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
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None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Richard Barrett, Assistant Director (Finance and IT) & Section 151 Officer

* The call-in procedure will not apply to a decision where the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's agreement has been obtained that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest, (Rule 16 (h) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) or any decision made where such decision is to be referred to the Council or one of the overview and scrutiny committees for their consideration.