

CABINET**11 SEPTEMBER 2020****REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE RESOURCES
AND SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****A.3 SCRUTINY OF PROPOSED DECISIONS**

(Report prepared by Keith Durran and Ian Ford)

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22 June 2020 (Minute 63 refers) the Committee reviewed any new and / or amended published forthcoming decisions relevant to its terms of reference with a view to deciding whether it wished to enquire into any such decision before it was taken. The relevant forthcoming decisions were before the Committee.

The agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Cabinet on 26 June 2020 had been published prior to the Resources and Services Committee Meeting and as such supporting papers relating to a number of the proposed Cabinet decisions were made available to Members of the Committee and aided in the discussion of those proposed decisions. A list of the forthcoming decisions taken from the Notice of such decisions on the Council's website was as follows (with the intended date for the relevant decision):

NEGC Ltd - Budget & Business Plans Etc. 24/07/2020

Corporate Priorities & Projects And New Performance Report 2020/21 - 24/07/2020

Housing Development And Acquisitions Strategy - 24/07/2020

IDOX Corporate Application Support Contract Renewal - 26/06/2020

Financial Outturn 2019/20 And Proposed Allocation Of The General Fund Variance For The Year - 24/07/2020

Treasury Out Turn 2019/20 - 24/07/2020

The Chairman and Members of the Committee also identified matters that they would wish to be subject to inquiry by the Committee at its meetings to be scheduled in July and August 2020 (or subsequently).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET

Following discussion, the Committee **RECOMMENDED TO THE CABINET** that no more funding from this Council **should** be released to NEGC Ltd until the Budget and Business Plan identified in the forthcoming decisions referred to here has been subject to an enquiry through this Committee.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**Comments**

"It is noted that the recommendations from Resources and Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee were made in respect of forthcoming decisions, which at the

time included the Budget and Business Plan of North Essex Garden Communities Ltd. Events have overtaken this and in July, Cabinet made a decision, acting as Shareholder, that North Essex Garden Communities Ltd ceased trading with effect from 31st August 2020, I can confirm this has taken effect and consequently no further funding will be provided to the Company. There is however still an ambitious work programme in respect of the delivery of Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community including the partnership working with Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council, I will in due course confirm the Cabinet Member whom I wish to appoint to take this forward.”

Recommendation to Cabinet:

That the recommendation from Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Leader’s comments in response be noted.