

Record of the decisions of the meeting of the **CABINET** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 4 September 2023 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor K Mills

Councillors: J L Pout
S H Beer
E A Biggs
P M Brivio
C D Zosseder

Also Present: Councillor T J Bartlett
Councillor M Bates
Councillor D R Friend
Councillor N S Kenton
Councillor O C de R Richardson
Councillor C A Vinson
Councillor H M Williams

Officers: Chief Executive
Strategic Director (Corporate and Regulatory)
Strategic Director (Finance and Housing)
Head of Waste Services
Environmental Protection and Crime Manager
Strategic Housing Manager
Community Safety and Development Team Leader
Principal Community Safety, Emergency Planning and
CCTV Officer
Principal Heritage Officer
Corporate Estate and Coastal Engineer
Democratic Services Officer

The formal decisions of the executive are detailed in the following schedule.

Record of Decisions: Executive Functions

Decision Status	Record of Decision	Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	Reasons for Decision	Conflicts of interest (if any) declared by decision maker(s) or consultees (if any)
CAB 21 4.9.23 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 12 September 2023	<u>APOLOGIES</u> It was noted that there were no apologies for absence.	None.	To note any apologies for absence.	

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CAB 22 4.9.23 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Councillors E A Biggs, J L Pout and C D Zosseder declared an Other Significant Interest in Agenda Item 6a (Garden Waste Containerisation Project) by reason that they were subscribers to the garden waste collection service.	None.	To note any declarations of interest.	

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CAB 23 4.9.23 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 12 September 2023	<u>RECORD OF DECISIONS</u> It was agreed that the decisions of the meeting held on 3 July 2023, as detailed in decision numbers CAB 11 to CAB 20, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	None.	Cabinet is required to approve the Record of Decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 3 July 2023.	

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CAB 24 4.9.23 Open Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes	<u>PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION</u> It was agreed that, having regard to the conditions within Sections 61 and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Officers be authorised to conduct an effective consultation process to seek comments and views from a range of stakeholders and members of the public on the proposed variations to the existing Public Spaces Protection Order, as detailed in the report.	None.	Approval is sought to go out to consultation on proposed variations to the Council's current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which came into	

Implementation Date 12 September 2023			force on 26 July 2022 for a period of three years. These variations are sought to address issues identified with the effective enforcement of the PSPO and to include a children's play area omitted from the original PSPO.	
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CAB 25 4.9.23 Open Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 12 September 2023	<u>ADOPTION OF DOUR STREET, DOVER CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL</u> It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the proposed responses to the representations received and the resulting modifications to the Conservation Area Character Appraisal, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved. (b) That the Conservation Area Character Appraisal, as set out at Appendix 2 of the report, be adopted as a material consideration for planning purposes. (c) That the Head of Planning and Development be authorised, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Built 	None.	Under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, local authorities are required to review their conservation areas and to publish proposals for their preservation and enhancement. At its meeting held on 6 February	

	<p>Environment, to make any necessary editorial changes to the appraisal prior to publication to assist with clarity, consistency, explanation and presentation.</p> <p>(d) That further work be undertaken to extend the Conservation Area boundary and that an Article 4 Direction be introduced in response to the recommendations in the Dour Street, Dover Conservation Area Character Appraisal.</p>		<p>2023, Cabinet agreed that a draft Dour Street Conservation Area Character Appraisal should be subject to a period of six weeks consultation (CAB 87).</p> <p>The results of that consultation are now presented to Cabinet, with a view to the finalised Appraisal being adopted as a material consideration for planning purposes.</p>	
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<p>CAB 26 4.9.23 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p>	<p><u>PROVISION OF INTERIM HOUSING FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES VIA LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That a project to acquire and, where necessary, refurbish six properties for affordable rent, under the terms of the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF), be approved.</p> <p>(b) That the Head of Finance and Investment be authorised, in</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>In December 2022 the Government launched Round 1 of the Local Authority Housing Fund to help local authorities to house refugees.</p> <p>Monies allocated to</p>	

Implementation Date 12 September 2023	<p>consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education, to take the necessary decisions and actions to progress the project and purchase the properties including (but not limited to) accepting LAHF grant funding from Kent County Council, agreeing the purchase price, approving the sale purchase agreements, appointing any necessary professional advisers and agreeing works to bring the properties up to lettable standards.</p> <p>(c) That the Head of Finance and Investment be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education, to accept further funding, if awarded, from the LAHF and acquire additional properties as required by the grant funding conditions and in accordance with recommendation (b).</p>		Kent County Council under this funding have been offered to the Council to acquire six properties for affordable rent, initially to be used as interim housing for refugees and thereafter as general needs housing.	
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CAB 27 4.9.23 Open Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 12 September 2023	<u>GARDEN WASTE CONTAINERISATION PROJECT</u> It was agreed: (a) That, in the interests of the health and safety of the refuse collection contractor’s workforce, the use of garden waste sacks be withdrawn and the sacks replaced with a 240-litre wheeled bin. (b) That a single wheeled bin be provided at no cost to subscribers in Year 1 of the revised service, and that residents who cannot access the service be offered a £25 voucher for a free home composter. (c) That the Head of Waste Services be authorised to work with the Head of Legal Services to finalise and approve the draft Garden Waste Service terms and conditions.	None.	To address health and safety issues associated with the use of sacks, and in line with best practice, Cabinet is requested to authorise changes to the garden waste collection service which will see the introduction of wheeled bins. (In accordance with the provisions	Councillors E A Biggs, J L Pout and C D Zosseder left the Chamber during consideration of this item.

			of Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman agreed that this item, which was not detailed on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency for the reason that leaving it until the October Cabinet meeting would reduce the amount of time available to manufacture and deliver the wheeled bins, fabricate the bin-lifting equipment to be fitted to vehicles and develop communication/promotional materials.)	
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CAB 28 4.9.23 Open	<u>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2022/23</u> It was agreed:	None.	The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require that the Council	

<p>Key Decisions No</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 12 September 2023</p>	<p>(a) That the Annual Governance Assurance Statement for 2022/23 be approved and the Leader of the Council and the Head of Paid Service be requested to sign the Statement on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>(b) That the Governance Committee be asked to accept the Annual Governance Assurance Statement for 2022/23.</p>		<p>conducts at least annually a review of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and reports on the extent to which it complies with the Local Code of Corporate Governance.</p>	
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<p>CAB 29 4.9.23 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions No</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 12 September 2023</p>	<p><u>STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD - QUARTER ONE 2023/24</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Council's Strategic Performance Dashboard for Quarter One 2023/24 be noted.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The Strategic Performance Dashboard provides an overview of how the Council and East Kent Services are performing against a number of key performance indicators as a means of measuring whether the Council is achieving its aims and objectives.</p> <p>The Strategic Performance</p>	