

DECISION NOTICE (date 28 March 2019)
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This document lists the decisions taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on Thursday, 28 March 2019. The list covers key and non-key decisions. A decision may be implemented with immediate effect, unless it is eligible for call-in as identified below, whereupon a decision will not be implemented until five working days have elapsed.

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<p>A10</p>	<p><u>Joint Finance Performance Report, Quarter 3 2018/19</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A Cabinet acknowledged the projected outturn position set out in sections three and four of Appendix A to this report for the third quarter (October - December) of 2018/19 as follows:</p> <p>(i) An over spend on controllable budgets of £20,000 representing 0.03 per cent of the gross General Fund Budget.</p>	<p>A To ensure that Cabinet reviews performance against the Council's approved General Fund Budget and Corporate Plan for 2018/19 and acknowledges the small variation to the forecast outturn position.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>

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	<p>(ii) A total projected underspend of £1,225,000 representing -2.03 per cent of the gross General Fund Budget.</p> <p>(iii) The Council performed on or above target for 48 out of 48 (100 per cent) of its quarterly performance indicators.</p>				
A11	<p><u>Housing Revenue Account, Quarter 3 Finance Report 2018/19</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Noted:</p> <p>(i) An unfavourable variation against the approved Housing Revenue Account (HRA) operational /controllable budget of £435,000</p>	<p>A To ensure that Cabinet reviews performance against the approved HRA Business Plan and acknowledges the operational variations in light of the challenges the Council may face in this financial year and future years.</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>representing 0.82 per cent of the gross HRA budget.</p> <p>(ii) A favourable non-operational variance of £3,379,000 representing 6.83 per cent of gross HRA budget which includes adjustments to capital programme financing as a result of the re-alignment of budgets in the housing capital programme which reduces the anticipated direct revenue contribution required in 2018/19.</p> <p>B Noted the forecast balances at 31 March 2019, of £13,307,000 in respect of the HRA and nil in respect of the Major Repairs Reserve (MRR).</p>				

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A12	<p><u>Capital Programmes, Quarter 3 Finance Report 2018/19</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Noted the progress in the delivery of the Council's Housing and Non-Housing Capital Programmes as at Quarter 3 (30 December 2018) as follows:</p> <p>(i) Housing Capital Programme –forecast outturn of £17,165,000 (original estimate £18,804,000).</p> <p>(ii) Non-Housing Capital Programme – forecast outturn of £10,378,000 (original estimate £15,250,000).</p> <p>B Approved the Business Case to restore Netteswell Pond, financed by a grant from Essex</p>	<p>A To ensure that Cabinet reviews performance against the Council's approved 2018/19 Housing and Non Housing Capital Programmes.</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>County Council £66,000 and budget virement from Townwide Flood Alleviation of £29,000.</p> <p>C Approved a Business Case to renew the CCTV at the Bus Station at a cost of £10,000 to be funded in full from a revenue contribution.</p>				
A13	<p><u>HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd Contract Awards 2019/20</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The following Business Cases are awarded to HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd subject to clarification and agreement on the terms and conditions, and that separate contracts are entered into for each activity not exceeding the values set out below:</p>	<p>A To enable the Council to implement the Housing Revenue Account Asset Management plans and to continue its programme of improving its housing stock to maintain the Governments Decent Homes Standard, wider Housing Investment Programme (HIP) priorities and its statutory obligations.</p>	None	None	Yes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Internal Works - £930,000 (ii) Aids and Adaptations - £900,000 (iii) Compliance - £1,800,000 (iv) Environmental Estate Works - £100,000 (v) External Works - £320,000 (vi) Garages - £350,000 (vii) Communal Boilers and Heating - £1,400,000 <p>TOTAL - £5,800,000</p>				

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A14a	<p><u>Referral from Scrutiny Committee - Review of the Impact of Permitted Development</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The Council seeks Article 4 Directions for the employment areas of The Pinnacles, Templefields (area not already covered by the Templefields Enterprise Zone (EZ) site Article 4 Directions), the Burnt Mill Industrial area/offices adjacent to Harlow Town Railway Station (attached as appendices C, D and E to the report) and the Town Centre (as defined by the red area on the Council's emerging Town Centre Area Action Plan), and then to notify the Secretary of State to grant this.</p>	<p>A The Scrutiny Committee considered a report on Permitted Development at its meeting on 13 February 2019 and asked Cabinet to seek Article 4 Directions for some of the employment areas in the town.</p>	None	None	Yes

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A14b	<p><u>Referral from Cabinet Overview Working Group - Community Engagement Strategy</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The draft Community Engagement Strategy (attached as Appendix A to the original report) be approved.</p>	<p>A The Cabinet Overview Working Group (COWG) considered a report on an updated Community Engagement Strategy at its meeting on 14 March 2019 and asked Cabinet to approve the updated Strategy.</p>	None	None	Yes
A14c	<p><u>Referral from Scrutiny Committee - Improving the Provision of Bus Services in Harlow</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The outcomes of the Local Bus Consultation relating to future transport requirements in Harlow and wider areas be referred to the Garden Town Board.</p>	<p>A The Scrutiny Committee considered a report on bus provision at its meeting on 19 March 2019 and asked Cabinet to refer the outcomes of the Local Bus Consultation to the Garden Town Board.</p>	None	None	Yes