

Decision Notice (9 July 2020)

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This document lists the decisions taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on Thursday, 9 July 2020. 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.

Agenda Item No	Decision	Reasons for Decision	Any Options Rejected?	Declared Conflict of Interest	Eligible for call in?
<p>A10</p>	<p><u>Covid-19 Recovery – Progress and Working Group Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted:</p> <p>A The initial response to the pandemic and recovery Workstreams.</p> <p>B The appointments due to be made to the Covid-19 Working Group.</p> <p>C The current financial position.</p> <p>D The Terms of Reference for the Working Group, which will be confirmed at its first meeting.</p>	<p>A The Council has taken steps to respond, and latterly to begin the process of social and economic recovery of Harlow to the pandemic. During the crisis the Council has been able to operate through Business Continuity Provisions but now needs to take co-ordinated steps with members full input.</p> <p>B The Covid crisis has had a number of financial impacts on the Council and has also involved the Council in the delivery of a number of national emergency schemes to help and support the local economy.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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		<p>More details are provided within this update to inform Cabinet of the current and continually evolving position and impacts upon the financial situation.</p>			
<p>A11</p>	<p><u>Year End 2019/20 Performance Report</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet recognised the End of Year operational performance and risk management that has been achieved in 2019/20 across all Council services.</p>	<p>To ensure that Cabinet reviews performance and risk against the Council's Corporate Plan for 2019/20.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>A12</p>	<p><u>Energy Procurement Framework Review</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed:</p> <p>A To extend the current framework arrangement with</p>	<p>A The current framework agreement commits the Council to a long term energy supply contract, ensuring that the Council is able to achieve better value for money. In addition, the framework agreement provides added benefits that</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>Energy and Carbon Management for the supply of gas and electricity to March 2023.</p> <p>B To the procurement of 100 per cent renewable electricity up to March 2023.</p>	<p>create operational efficiencies whilst continuing to deliver quality energy supply procurement.</p> <p>B By procuring 100 per cent renewable electricity, the Council is able to continue to meet its goals as set out in the Climate Change Emergency declaration of July 2019.</p>			
<p>A13</p>	<p><u>Flat Block Refurbishment of 97-126 The Hides</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that the most advantageous tender in consideration of price and quality combined as submitted by Contractor A be accepted in the sum of £1,319,516.00 for the delivery of this external refurbishment works programme subject to contract and Leaseholder consultation.</p>	<p>To enable the Council to enter into a contract for these works in compliance with Contracts Standing Orders and the continuing delivery of the Housing Investment Programme (HIP).</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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<p>A14</p>	<p><u>Procurement Strategy Update</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The Procurement Strategy (attached as Appendix A to the report) be approved as the framework for achieving the Council’s objectives and aspirations in the procurement of goods, works and services.</p> <p>B The Head of Governance, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Governance, Equality and Diversity be delegated authority to make minor and inconsequential amendments which reflect changes in the law.</p>	<p>To update the Procurement Strategy to incorporate legislative changes related to procurement and to reflect the governance expectations of the Council.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>

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A17	<p><u>Referral from Scrutiny Committee - Review of Overview and Scrutiny</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A Subject to recommendation by the Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet endorsed the Cabinet-Scrutiny Protocol (attached as Appendix A to the report), the revised Scrutiny Procedure Rules (attached as Appendix B to the report) and the revised Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference (attached as Appendix C to the report) for adoption by Full Council.</p> <p>B Subject to recommendation by the Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet agreed that the Cabinet Overview Working Group is renamed the Cabinet Policy Development Group and the terms of reference are amended as set out in Appendix D to the report.</p>	<p>A The Scrutiny Committee carried out a review of the Council's overview and scrutiny functions in light of Government guidance and is due to make recommendations.</p> <p>B To enable the recommendations to be adopted at the earliest opportunity.</p>	None	None	Yes