

Decision Notice (24 March 2022)

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This document lists the decisions taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on Thursday, 24 March 2022. 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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A9	<p><u>Adoption of Town Centre Masterplan</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Noted the responses received to the consultation and agrees the non-consequential amendments proposed to the Harlow Town Centre Masterplan Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (as set out at Appendix B to the report).</p> <p>B Formally adopted the SPD as set out in Appendix A to the report and delegated authority to the Director of Strategic</p>	<p>A To enable the SPD to be formally adopted in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).</p> <p>B To meet the legal requirements relating to the development and adoption of an SPD.</p>	None	None	Yes

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	<p>Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holders to make and agree any minor or inconsequential amendments to the Masterplan Framework Supplementary Planning Document arising from any matters discussed and agreed at Cabinet.</p> <p>C Notes the three-staged plan to deliver the major town centre regeneration vision as set out in Paragraph 12 of the report.</p>				
A10	<p><u>New Housebuilding Programme</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Noted the Scrutiny Committee review of council house building and the Action Plan from that report, as set out in Appendix A to the report, as part of the delivery of the New</p>	<p>A Both the Council’s Housing Strategy and Local Plan identify an affordable housing need of 3,400 dwellings between 2011 and 2033. Much of this will be provided on-site by developers, particularly on the large strategic sites. But there is also a requirement for the Council to deliver more social housing for</p>	None	None	Yes

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	<p>House Building Programme.</p> <p>B Endorsed the aims of the New House Building Programme (NHBP) set out in paragraph 11 of the report.</p> <p>C Endorsed the themes of the New House Building Programme set out in paragraphs 12 to 31 of the report and in particular the principles of achieving appropriate tenure mixes, securing Section 106 funds to contribute to the housebuilding programme and of delivering new homes to carbon net zero standards.</p> <p>D Endorsed the Phase 1 schedule of projects of the New House Building Programme identified in paragraphs 45-47 and Appendix B of the report.</p> <p>E Noted that, before commencement, each individual scheme will be</p>	<p>residents on the Council's housing register.</p> <p>B The Council's Corporate Strategy has set out a bold ambition to build an increased amount of Council housing for rent to local residents. This report sets out a programme for delivering that over the next five years, which will be updated and reported back to Cabinet on an annual basis, including an update on the Scrutiny Committee Action Plan.</p>			

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	<p>reported back to Cabinet showing viability and affordability in the context of the General Fund or Housing Revenue Account as appropriate (as set out in paragraphs 32-42 of the report).</p>				
<p>A11</p>	<p><u>Harlow District Council (The SIW Harlow) Compulsory Purchase Order 2022</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A Harlow District Council approves the making and sealing of a compulsory purchase order under the powers conferred by sections 226(1)(a) and 226(3)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to:</p>	<p>A In accordance with sections 226(1)(a) and 226(3)(a) of the Act the Council is satisfied that the proposed CPO:</p> <p>i) will facilitate the carrying out of development, redevelopment or improvement on or in relation to the Order Land, namely the construction of the Works (which have now been granted planning permission as shown in the report).</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>i) acquire all that land shaded pink and edged red on the plans attached at appendices 1 and 2;</p> <p>ii) acquire all those rights (or interfere with existing rights) over the land shaded blue and edged on the plans attached at appendices 1 and 2, the interests in which are described in the schedule of interests, attached at appendix 3.</p> <p>B The Director of Strategic Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Governance and Corporate Services be authorised to take all steps, and to enter into all documentation, on behalf of Harlow District Council in connection with the making, confirmation, submission or implementation of the</p>	<p>ii) will, as a result of the Works, deliver the Wellbeing Benefits to the District.</p> <p>iii) will contribute to the progress and delivery of the HGGT Scheme which is the scheme underlying the CPO.</p> <p>B Whilst the Council acknowledges that the use of compulsory purchase powers is a measure of last resort, the Council considers that there is little prospect of all of the Order Land as required for the Works being acquired through negotiation within a reasonable timeframe or at all. The Works have a high likelihood of being delivered if the Order Land can be acquired. The Wellbeing Benefits are dependent on acquiring the Order Land, as is the success of the HGGT</p>			

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	<p>compulsory purchase order, including in respect of any public inquiry, appeal or legal challenge concerning the same.</p> <p>C The Director of Strategic Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Governance and Corporate Services be authorised to make amendments to the compulsory purchase order or other connected document provided that the proposed amendments do not significantly alter the scope of the compulsory purchase order as presented to Cabinet by this report.</p> <p>D The Director of Strategic Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Governance and Corporate Services be authorised to take all steps to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i) negotiate agreements with any landowners,</p>	<p>Scheme.</p> <p>C The Council is of the firm view that the use of compulsory purchase powers is justifiable and that there is a clear and compelling case in the public interest to acquire the Order Land.</p>			

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	<p>owners or occupiers of land included within the compulsory purchase order; and/or</p> <p>ii) negotiate agreements with any party with an interest in any land included within or affected by the compulsory purchase order,</p> <p>such agreements to include the acquisition of land or interests in land, payment of compensation or any other arrangements related to the delivery of the compulsory purchase order.</p>				
<p>A12</p>	<p><u>Community Engagement Strategy</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Approved the draft Community</p>	<p>Implementation of the strategy will inform the Council's work with residents, partners, businesses and the community and voluntary sector to ensure an inclusive engagement approach in order that the</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>Engagement Strategy 2022/23 – 2024/25, subject to consultation, in order to support a renewed, strengthened and joined up approach to engagement across all council services and functions to ensure our work is as inclusive and effective as possible by reaching people from all social, financial and ethnic backgrounds in a variety of different ways.</p> <p>B Authorised that consultation be undertaken on this draft for a period of six weeks. Minor amendments will be submitted to the Director of Communities and Environment who will, in conjunction with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Business and Community Resilience, develop the final version of the strategy following the conclusion of the consultation period.</p>	<p>council and its partners may better understand the needs of our communities, in particular those that are vulnerable or from groups with identified unmet need. Such an approach will help build cohesive and involved communities where people feel and are involved in local decision making and the co-production of services to meet their needs and those of the town more widely.</p>			

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<p>A13</p>	<p><u>Adoption of Open Space Supplementary Planning Document</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Noted the responses received to the consultation and approves the consequential amendments made to the Green Infrastructure and Public Open Spaces Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).</p> <p>B Formally adopted the SPD as set out in the Appendix A to the report.</p>	<p>A To enable the SPD to be formally adopted under Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).</p> <p>B To meet the legal requirements of developing and adopting an SPD.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>A14</p>	<p><u>Award of Partnership Grants</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The allocation of Grant Aid (Partnership Grants) be delegated to the Director of</p>	<p>A To enable the provision of financial support to voluntary sector organisations in line with council policy.</p> <p>B To support the delivery of council priorities as set out in paragraph two of the</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>Communities and Environment, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business and Community Resilience, as set out in paragraph 7 of this report and will be published as a Portfolio Holder report at the appropriate time.</p>	<p>report following consultation with the community and voluntary sector in November 2021.</p>			
<p>A15</p>	<p><u>Fire Safety Works - Brenthall Tower 1-28, Brenthall Tower 29-56 and Stort Tower</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The most advantageous tender in consideration of price and quality combined as submitted by Contractor B be accepted in the revised sum of £1,281,792.92 for the delivery of updated Fire Compartmentation between floors, in service duct and ventilation system, internal and</p>	<p>To enable the Council to enter into a formal contract for fire safety remedial works in compliance with Contracts Standing Orders.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	front entrance fire doors programme, subject to contract and Leaseholder consultation.				
A16	<p><u>Contract Award for External Refurbishment at 106-116, 38-42, 45-49, 7-17 and 85-95 Five Acres</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The most advantageous tender in consideration of price and quality combined as submitted by Contractor B, be accepted in the revised sum of £1,204,051.75 for the delivery of the external refurbishment of five blocks, subject to contract and Leaseholder Consultation.</p>	To enable the Council to enter into a contract for these works in compliance with Contract Standing Orders and deliver the Council's priorities as part of its decent homes delivery and Housing Investment Programme (HIP).	None	None	Yes
A17	<p><u>Operational Buildings FM Contract Award</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p>	To put in place the necessary contractual arrangements commencing 1 July 2022 to ensure that the Civic Centre and Latton Bush Centre are appropriately maintained in line	None	None	Yes

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	<p>A A facilities management services contract is entered into with HTS (Property & Environment) Limited (HTS) for a period of three years, with an option, at the sole discretion of the Council, to extend that contract by a further two years.</p> <p>B Delegated authority be given to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to make the necessary legal and financial arrangements to award the contract.</p>	with statutory requirements and best practice.			
A18	<p><u>HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd Contract Awards 2022/23</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The following Business Cases are awarded to HTS (Property and Environment) Limited for a 5-year term, subject to</p>	To enable the Council to implement the Housing Revenue Account Asset Management plan and to continue its programme of improving its housing stock to maintain the Governments Decent Homes Standard and wider Housing Investment Programme (HIP) and energy efficient priorities going forward.	None	None	Yes

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	<p>clarification and agreement on the terms and conditions, and that a contract is entered into for the activity, not exceeding the value below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Internal Works - £11,202,500 ii) Compliance Works - £5,8000,000 iii) Related Assets (Garages) - £1,751,000 <p>B The following Business Cases be awarded to HTS (Property and Environment) Limited, subject to clarification and agreement on the terms and conditions, and that a contract is entered into for the activity, not exceeding the value below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Replacement Communal Boilers and Heating Installations (Lower Meadow) - £452,000 				

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	ii) Replacement Communal Boilers and Heating Installations (Barley Croft) - £420,000 iii) Replacement Communal Boilers and Heating Installations (Barn Mead) - £328,000				
A19	<p><u>North Essex Parking Partnership Agreement</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A From 1 April 2022, Harlow Council continues membership of the On-Street and Off-Street North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) and delegates authority to the Director of Communities and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Governance to:</p>	<p>The current agreement under which parking management and related services are provided expires on 31 March 2022. Entering into a further agreement will permit the continuation of successful service arrangements.</p>	None	None	Yes

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	<p>i) Approve the new Parking Partnership Joint Committee Agreement on terms outlined in paragraph 6 of the report.</p> <p>ii) Approve the new Off-street Parking Service Level Agreement.</p>				
<p>A20a</p>	<p><u>Referral from Cabinet Policy Development Working Group - Housing Strategy</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The Housing Strategy as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved and adopted by Cabinet.</p>	<p>A The current housing strategy has expired and a refreshed strategy has been prepared, based on the new evidence base, to inform our future priorities.</p> <p>B The development of new housing is a key feature for the future regeneration of the town and so this complements the Housebuilding report that is also on the March Cabinet agenda.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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<p>A20b</p>	<p><u>Referral from Cabinet Policy Development Working Group - Climate Change Position Statement</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The Climate Change Strategy Position Statement, attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved.</p> <p>B Following development as indicated in the position statement a draft climate change strategy “Next Steps to Net Zero: Climate Change Strategy” be presented to Cabinet in Autumn 2022.</p>	<p>Approving the position statement will communicate publicly the Council’s position on addressing climate change town wide, and give direction to development of the Council’s forthcoming Climate Change Strategy.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>