

Decision Notice (date 22 September 2022)

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This document lists the decisions taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on Thursday, 22 September 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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<p>A10</p>	<p><u>Year End 2021/22 Joint Finance and Performance Report</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Acknowledged the outturn position set out within the report in respect of the General Fund for the year ending 31 March 2022.</p> <p>B Recognised the End of Year operational performance and risk management that has been achieved in 2021/22 across all Council services.</p> <p>C Approved the movements through reserves as set out in the Appendix 3c to the report.</p>	<p>A To ensure that Cabinet reviews performance against the Council's approved budgets for the General Fund for 2021/22.</p> <p>B To seek approval for the recommendations set out in the report in relation to transfer to/from reserves and the carrying forward of resources to ensure that the services those resources were intended to deliver are available for that purpose in 2022/23.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>

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	<p>D Approved the transfer of £1.215 million from the Budget Resilience Reserve to meet the 2021/22 overspend.</p> <p>E Noted the carry forward of resources from 2021/22 to 2022/23 as set out in the report totalling £217,986 approved under delegated powers by the Leader.</p>				
A11	<p><u>Joint Finance and Performance Report, Quarter 1 2022/23</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Noted the forecast outturn position set out within the report in respect of the General Fund for the first quarter (April-June) of 2022/23 of a projected overspend of £80,000 or 0.13 percent of the gross General Fund Budget.</p>	<p>To ensure that Cabinet reviews performance against the Council's approved budgets for the General Fund and the Corporate Strategy for 2022/23; and acknowledges the small variation to the forecast outturn position.</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>B Noted the Quarter 1 operational performance and risk management that has been achieved in 2022/23 across all Council services.</p>				
<p>A12</p>	<p><u>Housing Revenue Account, Quarter 1 Finance Report 2022/23</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted:</p> <p>A The Quarter 1 - HRA Budget Monitoring report as set out in the report and in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>B That the forecast HRA general working balance as at 31 March 2023 will be £6.793 million.</p>	<p>The report compares the original budget with actual income and expenditure as at 30 June 2022 and following consultation with budget managers forecasts the projected outturn at year end This comparison identifies operational variations and this report provides explanations for the variances.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>A13</p>	<p><u>Capital Programmes, Quarter 1 Finance Report 2022/23</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p>	<p>To ensure Cabinet reviews the performance against the approved 2022/23 Housing and Non-Housing Capital budgets.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>

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	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Notes the progress and forecasts in the delivery of the Council’s Housing Capital Programme (HCP) as at Quarter 1 2022/23 as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i) The current budget is £39.395 million, including £2.762 million carried forward from 2021/22. The projected outturn at Quarter 1 is £34.715 million as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>B Notes the progress in the delivery of the Council’s Non-Housing Capital Programme (NHCP) as at Quarter 1 2022/23 as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i) The current budget is £22.786 million, including £4.066 million carried forward from</p>				

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	<p>2021/22. The projected outturn at Quarter 1 is £22.786 million as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>C Approves the inclusion in the NHCP budget of an additional £60,083 for the installation of electric vehicle charge points within Harlow Council owned Car Parks. Expenditure is to be fully financed from a grant from The Office for Zero Emission Vehicles.</p>				
A14	<p><u>Community Safety Strategy</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A The Community Safety Strategy 2021/22 – 2024/25 be approved, subject to consultation, to support and strengthen the council’s work with statutory and non-statutory</p>	<p>Implementation of the strategy will inform the council’s work with partners, residents and businesses to; address community safety priorities; ensure resources are deployed when and where they will have the most community benefit; contribute to a reduction in ASB and crime across all areas of the town; and help make Harlow a safer place in which to</p>	None	None	Yes

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	<p>partners to identify and tackle: all forms of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime; help reduce reoffending; increase visibility and engagement with residents; and support victims of crime.</p> <p>B Cabinet 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 Portfolio Holder for Business and Community Resilience, develop the final version of the strategy following the conclusion of the consultation period.</p>	live, work and visit.			
A15	<p><u>Confirmation of Office/Retail to Residential Article 4 Direction</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p>	A To ensure the representations made by the Secretary of State in response to the making of the directions be taken into consideration to ensure that	None	None	Yes

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	<p>A Cabinet noted the revised geographical extent of the areas covered by the Article 4 Directions, as defined in Appendix A to the report, together with the supporting statement in Appendix B to the report.</p> <p>B The revised Article 4 Directions be confirmed to limit the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 to limit changes from Use Class E (retail and office) to Residential Use in Harlow Town Centre, Pinnacles, Templefields and Burnt Mill upon receipt of formal confirmation from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities that they will support the Direction.</p> <p>C Delegated authority is provided to the Director of Strategic Growth and Regeneration in</p>	<p>the Directions can be confirmed.</p> <p>B In order to limit the loss of employment and retail floorspace in the town that would undermine the ability of the Council to satisfy and meet the policy requirements set out in the Adopted Harlow Local Development Plan 2020.</p>			

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	<p>consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, to make any minor amendments to the Directions as required by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.</p>				