

Decision Notice (23 March 2023)

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This document lists the decisions taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on Thursday, 23 March 2023. 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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A10	<p><u>Joint Finance and Performance Report, Quarter 3 2022/23</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted:</p> <p>A The forecast outturn position set out within the report in respect of the General Fund as at the end of the third quarter (April - December) of 2022/23 of a projected overspend of £480,000 or 0.8 percent of the gross General Fund Budget.</p> <p>B The Quarter 3 operational performance and risk management that has been achieved in 2022/23 across all Council services.</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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A11	<p><u>Housing Revenue Account, Quarter 3 Finance Report 2022/23</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted:</p> <p>A The Quarter 3 - HRA Budget and performance 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 £9.432 million.</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
A12	<p><u>Capital Programme, Quarter 3 Finance Report 2022/23</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>A Noted the progress and forecasts in the delivery of the Council's Housing Capital Programme (HCP) as at Quarter 3 2022/23 as follows:</p>	<p>To ensure Cabinet reviews the performance against the approved 2022/23 Housing and Non-Housing Capital budgets.</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>i) The current budget is £24.770 million, including £2.762 million carried forward from 2021/22. The projected outturn at Quarter 3 is £27.078 million as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>B Noted the progress in the delivery of the Council's Non-Housing Capital Programme (NHCP) as at Quarter 3 2022/23 as follows:</p> <p>i) The current budget is £19.325 million, including £4.066 million carried forward from 2021/22. The projected outturn at Quarter 3 is £34.800 million as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>C Approved the inclusion in the NHCP budget of an additional £71,000 for the installation of</p>				

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	CCTV at various underpasses. Expenditure is to be fully financed from external grant.				
A13	<u>Economic Development Strategy</u> Key decision? Yes RESOLVED that subject to consultation, Cabinet adopted the draft Harlow Economic Development Strategy covering 2023 to 2028 (attached as Appendix A to the report).	The new Economic Development Strategy needs to be approved in order to set the priorities for the Council to support the local economy over the next 5 years.	None	None	Yes
A14	<u>Appointment of Regeneration Investment Partner</u> Key decision? Yes RESOLVED that: A Cabinet agreed for The Council to enter an Investment Partnership as a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP). The LLP would be 50:50 controlled by the Council and Selected	A To establish an Investment Partnership to bring forward the development of Council owned, and other, sites for Regeneration and Development and provide either Capital or Revenue financial returns against these investments. B To deliver developments that contribute towards the overall Regeneration	None	None	Yes

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	<p>Partner.</p> <p>B Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Growth and Regeneration, to agree and enter into a legal agreement for the LLP on behalf of The Council with the selected Partner.</p> <p>C Authority be delegated to Harlow Council members of the Investment Partnership Board in line with the Harlow Regeneration Partnership Roles, Responsibilities and Approvals Document as set out in Appendix A to the report.</p>	<p>aspirations within Harlow Town Centre and the Neighbourhood areas.</p>			
<p>A15</p>	<p><u>Town Centre Contract Awards</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A A waiver be granted to</p>	<p>A To ensure the timely delivery of key, town centre regeneration projects within the strict timescales as set-out by the conditions of the project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>Contract Standing Order No.18.4 in accordance with CSO 3 to facilitate the award of a contract in excess of £350,000 by officers without a further report to the Cabinet.</p> <p>B Delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Strategic Growth, to contract award the appointment of a contractor for the removal of the Terminus House bridge and associated works, up to a maximum contract as set out in confidential Appendix A.</p> <p>C Delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Strategic Growth, to contract award the appointment of a contractor for the demolition of Occasio House, up to a maximum contract as set out in confidential Appendix A.</p>	<p>B To safeguard against the funding being withdrawn by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).</p>			

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<p>A16</p>	<p><u>Council Housebuilding Programme Contract Awards</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A A waiver to Contract Standing Order No.18.4 be granted in accordance with CSO 3 to facilitate the award of a contract in excess of £350,000 by officers without a further report to the Cabinet.</p> <p>B Delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Strategic Growth to contract award the appointment of a contractor for the construction of 8 – 3 bedroom houses and associated landscaping and parking, up to a maximum contract value as set out in Appendix A to the report, at Arkwrights garages and the construction of 6 – 1 and 2</p>	<p>A To ensure the timely delivery of key, regeneration projects and to meet the agreed programme milestones.</p> <p>B To deliver development schemes in line with the Council House Building Programme and CHBP Cabinet Report – March 2022.</p> <p>C To secure Sherards House site currently subject to Anti-Social behaviour.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>bedroom bungalows and associated landscaping and parking with a maximum value as set out in Appendix A to the report, at The Yorkes.</p> <p>C Delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Strategic Growth to contract award the appointment of a contractor for the demolition of Sherards House, three Horseshoes Road up to a maximum contract value as set out in Appendix A to the report.</p>				
A17	<p><u>Annual Review of Council Housebuilding Programme</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted:</p> <p>A The review and update of the Council House Building Programme (CHBP) as agreed</p>	<p>A An annual review mandated within the CHBP Cabinet Report of March 2022.</p> <p>B Provide appropriate update to the Cabinet, where linked to priorities included within the Corporate Strategy.</p>	None	None	No

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	<p>at Cabinet in March 2022.</p> <p>B The outcome of both Internal Audit and Homes England Funding Audit.</p> <p>C The progress in establishing the Council House Building Programme (CHBP) Governance & Delivery Processes.</p>				
A18	<p><u>Changes to Delegations and Contract Standing Orders</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p>RESOLVED that it was recommended to Full Council that the changes to the Constitution and Portfolio Holder Delegations (attached as Appendix A to the report) be approved.</p>	<p>To enable the Council to take decisions in a more efficient manner.</p>	None	None	No