

# Decision Notice (12 October 2023)

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This document lists the decisions taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on Thursday, 12 October 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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<p><b>A10</b></p>	<p><u>HGGT Infrastructure Delivery Plan</u></p> <p>Key decision? Yes</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that it was recommended to Full Council that:</p> <p><b>A</b> Subject to all authorities within the Harlow and Gilston Garden (HGGT) partnership approving the updated wording of the revised HGGT Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), the HGGT IDP is supported and agreed and will form the basis of identification of the infrastructure needed in the Garden Town area. The IDP sets out the necessary infrastructure requirements and their phasing, to support the</p>	<p><b>A</b> In order to ensure that appropriate infrastructure mitigation is identified, so that it may be scheduled and implemented to support the planned growth for the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town.</p> <p><b>B</b> To ensure that the views of Harlow District Council are given appropriate consideration.</p>	<p>There is an option not to ratify the HGGT IDP and to rely on the previous 2019 version. However, this could limit the effective delivery of infrastructure that is considered necessary to accompany the planned development in Harlow town and the</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No</p>

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	<p>sites allocated for development within the HGGT area.</p> <p><b>B</b> Authority is delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, to make any necessary, non-consequential and minor amendments and to liaise with the HGGT Chair and Director.</p>		<p>surrounding area identified for development as parts of the agreed Garden Town. This would prevent opportunities for sustainable development, which has the potential to harm the future living, working and leisure options for existing and future occupants of Harlow town and surrounds.</p>		
<b>A11</b>	<p><u>HGGT Economic Development Strategy</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p>	<p><b>A</b> In order to provide consistent and transparent arrangements for the consideration of HGGT matters, to secure the</p>	<p>There is an option not to ratify the HGGT Strategic</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <p><b>A</b> The findings of the HGGT Strategic Economic Framework, as set out in Appendix A, based on Harlow Council’s Economic Strategy be endorsed.</p> <p><b>B</b> Subject to all authorities approving the HGGT Strategic Economic Framework, the Framework is supported and agreed and will form the basis of the approach to economic development in the Garden Town area.</p> <p><b>C</b> Cabinet delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, to make any necessary, non-consequential and minor amendments and refer those amendments back to the HGGT Chair and Director.</p>	<p>delivery of the HGGT and to secure the wider regeneration of Harlow and economic prosperity of the area.</p> <p><b>B</b> As one of the five partner authority HGGT Board Members, Harlow Council is in a position to feedback on whether the Strategy and Framework is fit for purpose, having recently completed the Council’s own Economic Development Strategy.</p> <p><b>C</b> To ensure that the views of Harlow District Council are given appropriate consideration, in particular that a significant increase in employment potential is required to support the housing and population growth.</p>	<p>Economic Framework. However, this could limit the effective functioning of economic development in Harlow town and the surrounding area. It would inhibit effective strategic collaboration on economic matters, which could harm the future prospects of Harlow town and certainly limit opportunities for effective lobbying, joined up strategy and liaising with</p>		

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			stakeholders to achieve timely and efficient results. The Strategic Economic Framework identifies opportunities to raise the economic profile of Harlow and area on the sub-regional scale.		
A12	<p><u>Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy - Consultation</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <p><b>A</b> Cabinet approves for consultation, with any necessary amendments, the draft Updated Private Rented</p>	The powers provided by the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and the Housing Act 2004 will enable the Authority to help improve the quality of private rented accommodation in Harlow and to act against landlords, letting agents and property managers who knowingly rent out unsafe and substandard accommodation.	No other options have been considered other than Statutory Legislation/Guidance.	None	Yes

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	<p>Sector Housing Enforcement Policy as set out in Appendix A.</p> <p><b>B</b> Cabinet gives instruction for a 4-week period of consultation and to either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Bring the draft Updated Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy back to Cabinet on 30 November 2023 for approval provided no objections are received; or</li> <li>ii) If any objections are received to the proposed policy following the consultation period, that the decision be referred to the next meeting of this Cabinet on 15 February 2024.</li> </ul>				

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<p><b>A13</b></p>	<p><u>Referral from Scrutiny Committee - Review of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harassment</u></p> <p>Key decision? No</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <p><b>A</b> The Council seeks to take proactive steps to tackle the ‘hot spots’ the Police identified for harassment, and consideration be given to putting these locations in the public domain.</p> <p><b>B</b> Additional ‘softer’ measures to chart progress in tackling domestic violence (i.e., in addition to conviction rates) be developed.</p> <p><b>C</b> Agreements between relevant local authorities in supporting those who have escaped domestic violence to return to their home authority are formalised, where this is considered appropriate.</p>	<p>The Scrutiny Committee carried out a review on support for victims of Domestic Abuse and sexual harassment and made a series of recommendations.</p>	<p>No other options were considered.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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