



**Notification to all Members of the council
of decisions by the Cabinet**

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The details set out below will be published in the next Members' Information Service, but in the meantime are notified to all Councillors in accordance with Rule 15(a) of the Policy and Review Panels Procedure Rules

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet (or individual Cabinet members) and will be implemented unless the call-in procedure is activated. Rule 15 of the Policy and Review Procedure Rules requires a call-in notice to be signed by any 5 members of the Council. The call-in request must be made to democratic@portsmouthcc.gov.uk and must be made by not later than 5pm on Wednesday 18th March.

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the officer indicated. You can also see the report(s) on the Council's web site at www.portsmouth.gov.uk

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
		Cabinet Decision Meeting - 10 March The Cabinet has made the following decisions:-	Joanne Wildsmith, Democratic Services Tel 9283 4057 joanne.wildsmith@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
4		Draft Private Rental Sector Strategy for Portsmouth DECISIONS: (1) The Cabinet approved the draft Private Rental Sector strategy for Portsmouth (Appendix 1). (2) That officers will immediately begin to implement the actions within the strategy that do not require any further permissions, budget or resources, as identified in section 6 of this report. (3) The Cabinet authorised officers to undertake a consultation on this draft strategy. (4) That officers bring back to Cabinet the results of the consultation, along with a final strategy and action plan for approval and identify any additional decisions required to implement the strategy.	Paul Fielding, Assistant Director Housing & Clare Hardwick Head of Private Sector Housing Tel: 9283 4502

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5		<p>Home Energy and Water Strategy</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet:</p> <p>(1) noted the extensive consultation undertaken with key partners and the wider public; and that the response of the consultation was overwhelmingly positive and in agreement with the objectives laid out in the draft strategy.</p> <p>(2) approved the final strategy for publication.</p> <p>(3) noted the development of a detailed action plan which will help to expand the scope and scale of the help currently offered by the authority; whilst acknowledging that this is a live document which will be subject to further development.</p> <p>(4) noted the development of a marketing and communication strategy which will reach and engage every household in Portsmouth; whilst acknowledging that this is a live document which will be subject to further development.</p>	<p>Meredydd Hughes Assistant Director Buildings Tel: 9283 4539</p>
6		<p>Mainstreaming Proceeds of Crime</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet</p> <p>(1) approved the actions as set out within Section 8 of the report, namely the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of Council wide processes, guidance and templates for the comprehensive implementation of POCA frameworks across all PCC services; • use of risk assessed POCA interventions wherever possible; • setting up of a £50,000 reserve to offset against costs incurred during the process of pursuing actions via the Courts in respect to criminal proceedings and POCA activities. <p>(2) Asked that regular update reports be brought to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety's decision meetings.</p>	<p>Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager Tel: 9283 4857</p>
7		<p>Administration fees for Appointeeship Services</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p>	<p>Richard Webb, Finance Manager Tel: 9284 1230</p>

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		<p>The Cabinet:</p> <p>(1) Agreed to introduce administration fees for Appointeeship services from Monday 06 July 2020.</p> <p>(2) Agreed to set the weekly fees at the following rates for the financial year 2020-21 from the above date:</p> <p>For clients in residential care - £4.00 For clients in community based care - £10.00</p> <p>(3) Agreed to the mitigation arrangements in the case of hardship as set out in paragraphs 5.20 and 5.21.</p> <p>(4) Agreed that the proposed fee rates above, will be inflated annually in line with the inflation rate applied to the Adult Social Care fees and charges from the financial year 2021-22.</p> <p>(5) Noted the proposed community support and engagement process as detailed in section 7 of the report.</p>	
8		<p>Greening Portsmouth Strategy</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>Cabinet approved the Greening Portsmouth Strategy (set out at Appendix A to the report).</p>	<p>Kelly Nash, Corporate Performance Manager Tel: 9268 8157</p>
9		<p>Forward Plan Omission re Annual Capital Strategy</p> <p>Cabinet noted:</p> <p>(1) the omission to the Forward Plan for March 2020; (2) the publication of the omission notice.</p> <p>(This information item is not subject to call-in)</p>	
10		<p>Annual Capital Strategy - 2020/21 - 2029/30</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <p>(1) That Part I of the Capital Strategy (Capital Expenditure and Aspirations) be approved including: a) The Short / Medium / Long-term Aspirations set out in Appendix 1</p>	<p>Julian Pike, Deputy Director of Finance & S151 Officer Tel: 9283 4347</p>

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		<p>(2) That Part II of the Capital Strategy (Borrowing and Investing in Property) be approved including:</p> <p>a) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for Debt Repayment Policy (Part II, (paragraph 1.5)</p> <p>b) The investment indicators in Part II - Appendix 2 (part II, paragraph 2.5)</p> <p>c) That the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) will bring a report to the next Cabinet and City Council if (part II, paragraph 2.5):</p> <p>(i) The Council's gross General Fund (GF) debt exceeds 400% of GF net service expenditure or;</p> <p>(ii) Overall investment income from investment properties and long term treasury management investments exceeds 7.9% of GF net service expenditure.</p> <p>(This is referred to Council and is not subject to call-in)</p>	
11		<p>Treasury Management Policy 2020/21</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Council:</p> <p>(a) that the upper limit for principal sums invested for longer than 365 days contained in paragraph 4.7 of the attached Treasury Management Policy Statement be approved;</p> <p>(b) that the upper and lower limits on the maturity structure of borrowing contained in appendix 5.1 of the attached Treasury Management Policy Statement be approved;</p> <p>(c) that the attached Treasury Management Policy Statement including the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy for 2020/21 be approved;</p> <p>(d) That the Council will where it is financially responsible to do so, give preference to investments that improve the environment, bring wider social benefits, and are with organisations with good governance. In particular the Council will:</p> <p>(i) Avoid investments in fossil fuel extraction unless they are making substantial investment into renewable energy technologies as part of a strategy to become a clean energy supplier;</p> <p>(ii) Consider the environmental, social and governance elements of credit ratings in making investment decisions, provided that the overall risk profile of the investment portfolio (including liquidity risk) and returns are not compromised;</p> <p>(e) that rated building societies be given the same</p>	<p>Michael Lloyd, Directorate Finance Manager (Technical & Financial Planning) Tel: 9283 4436</p>

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		<p>lending limits as banks;</p> <p>(f) that the Council will only lend to housing associations if they have a viability rating of V1 and a Governance rating of G1 from Homes England;</p> <p>(g) (i) that lending to Hampshire Community Bank (HCB) will be secured on loans made by HCB to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) of the highest credit quality which may not in turn be secured on tangible fixed assets;</p> <p>(ii) That loan advances to HCB in accordance with (g) (i) above will be subject to individual approval by Cabinet</p> <p>(h) that the maximum duration of loans to HCB be reduced from 10 years to 5 years;</p> <p>(i) As set out in paragraph 1.4 of the Treasury Management Policy Statement, the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) and officers nominated by him have delegated authority to:</p> <p>(i) invest surplus funds in accordance with the approved Annual Investment Strategy;</p> <p>(ii) borrow to finance short term cash deficits and capital payments from any reputable source within the authorised limit for external debt of £883m approved by the City Council on 11th February 2020;</p> <p>(iii) reschedule debt in order to even the maturity profile or to achieve revenue savings;</p> <p>(iv) to buy and sell foreign currency, and to purchase hedging instruments including forward purchases, forward options and foreign exchange rate swaps to mitigate the foreign exchange risks associated with some contracts that are either priced in foreign currencies or where the price is indexed against foreign currency exchange rates;</p> <p>(j) that the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) has the power to delegate treasury management operations to relevant staff;</p> <p>(k) that the Chief Executive, the Leader of the City Council and the Chair of the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee be informed of any variances from the Treasury Management Policy when they become apparent, and that the Leader of the City Council be consulted on remedial action (paragraph 1.2.2 of Treasury Management Policy Statement).</p> <p>(This is referred to Council and is not subject to call-in)</p>	

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12		<p>Revenue Budget Monitoring 2019/20 (Third Quarter) to end December 2019</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>(i) Members noted:</p> <p>(a) An overspend of £667,900 before further forecast transfers from/(to) Portfolio Specific Reserves & Ring Fenced Public Health Reserve</p> <p>(b) An underspend of £625,200 after further forecast transfers from/(to) Portfolio Specific Reserves & Ring Fenced Public Health Reserve.</p> <p>(c) That any actual overspend at year end will in the first instance be deducted from any Portfolio Specific Reserve balance and once depleted then be deducted from the 2020/21 Cash Limit.</p> <p>(d) That on 11th February 2020 City Council approved that any underspending for 2019/20 arising at year-end outside of those made by Portfolio's be transferred to Capital resources.</p> <p>(ii) Directors, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member, will consider options that seek to minimise any forecast overspend presently being reported and prepare strategies outlining how any consequent reduction to the 2020/21 Portfolio cash limit will be managed to avoid further overspending during 2020/21.</p>	<p>Julian Pike, Deputy Director of Finance & S151 Officer Tel: 9283 4347</p>
13		<p>Local Transport Plan 4 Development</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet:</p> <p>(1) approved the draft vision and policy objectives for the Local Transport Plan 4</p> <p>(2) agreed the continued development of the draft strategy in accordance with the vision and policy objectives</p>	<p>Felicity Tidbury Acting Assistant Director Transport & Hayley Chivers, Acting Transport Planning Manager & Strategic Transport Lead Tel: 9283 4672</p>

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		(3) agreed that the strategy be brought back to Cabinet and Full Council for approval to consult in June.	
14		Exclusion of Press and Public The confidential version of Social Value (appendix B only) was confirmed as exempt information (and an open version had been made available).	
15		Social Value - a rent subsidy model DECISIONS: (1) Cabinet approved a property valuation framework where social value can be taken into account when PCC is looking to rent out property to third parties where their aims coincide with the objectives of the Council; (2) Cabinet Members acknowledged that the service areas that benefit from the third-party support recognise the discounted income in their Portfolio cash limits and that equivalent savings may be necessary to accommodate any reduced income. (3) Cabinet requested a report back in 6 months' time regarding the implementation and consultation with the voluntary sector to show how this model is working.	Tom Southall Assistant Director Property & Investment Tel: 9283 4289