

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

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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 30 November 2022.

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
		<p>Cabinet Decision Meeting - 22 November 2022</p> <p>The Cabinet has made the following decisions:-</p>	<p>Anna Martyn - Tel 023 9283 4870 Democratic@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</p>
3	All wards	<p>UK Shared Prosperity Fund Spend</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and is not subject to call-in.</p>	<p>Jane Lamer, Head of Economic Growth & Skills</p>
4	All wards	<p>Crowdfunder Portsmouth Platform Funding</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>1. That the Council supports an extension of the contract with Crowdfunder UK at a cost of £28,200 for 1 year (10 months of delivery) and looks to seek a self-service model for any further delivery (removing Crowdfunder support) if this finds approval to reduce costs in subsequent years.</p> <p>2. That the Council supports a further top-up of</p>	<p>Jane Lamer, Head of Economic Growth & Skills</p>

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		<p>£40,000 to the Small Business Fund to enable further business creation and growth, which will support a minimum of 8 match funded projects.</p> <p>3. That recommendations 2 (i) and 2 (ii) are funded by the Council's 2022/23 share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</p>	
5		<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The confidentiality of Appendix B only, relating to financial and business affairs, was upheld.</p>	
6	St Thomas	<p>Potential Disposal of Middle Street Units</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>Delegated to the Director of Regeneration and the City Solicitor authorisation to negotiate and finalise terms for the disposal of the site known as 32,34,42,56,58 & 60 Middle Street, Portsmouth to PVD1 Developments, or the best value offer, subject to the long leases currently in place in accordance with the schedule of interests as attached in Appendix B.</p>	Anne Cains, Head of Acquisitions & Disposal
7	All wards	<p>Ocean Recovery Declaration - Update of Progress</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and is not subject to call-in.</p>	Kristina Downey, Principal Strategy Adviser, Carbon Management
8	All wards	<p>Review of Clean Air Zone Mitigation Measures</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration to withdraw unspent Clean Air Fund (CAF) grants with a view to redistributing unspent funds, and ultimately close the CAF. 2. Approved a six-week period for remaining CAF applicants to provide clear proof of intent to upgrade their vehicles. 3. Approved that non-compliant vehicles purchased after 5th April 2023 not be granted an exemption from the Portsmouth Clean Air Zone - specifically with regards to: 	Bethan Mose, Transport Delivery Manager, and Alex Roke, Senior Transport Planner

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Specialist Heavy Vehicles, and ii. The Stop-Gap Exemption. 	
9	All wards	<p>Annual Adoption Agency Activity report April 2021 to March 2022</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and is not subject to call-in.</p>	Sarah Daly, Director of Children's Services & Education
10	All wards	<p>Social Value progress report</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and is not subject to call-in.</p>	Natasha Edmunds, Director of Corporate Services
11	All wards	<p>Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Cabinet had regard to all the responses to the statutory consultation and the evidence base previously presented to Cabinet on 22nd March 2022 together with the matters set out in this report and consider whether an additional licensing scheme for HMOs in the City should be introduced. The Cabinet decided to proceed with the scheme and approved: 2. That the whole of the city is designated as subject to additional licensing under section 56(1)(a) of the Housing Act 2004 in relation to every class of HMO, but only including those section 257 HMOs that are mainly or wholly tenanted, including those with resident landlords. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 That the designation set out in recommendation above, shall come into force on 1st September 2023 for a period of 5 years. 2.2 That delegated authority be given to the Director for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Building Services to sign the 'Designation of an Area for Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation 2022' (as attached at Appendix 10) in accordance with the provisions set out in the Scheme of Delegations in the Council's Constitution. 2.3 The Licence Conditions contained in Appendix 	Clare Hardwick, Head of Private Sector Housing

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		<p>7.</p> <p>2.4. The Cabinet considered the options outlined in Appendix 5 for Licensing Model and Appendix 6 for Fee Structure and agreed to proceed with Option B: a tiered structure for Licence terms based on the compliance and competence of the licence holder. Cabinet approved the adoption of the proposed fees and charges structure (as attached at Appendix 6) outlined for Model B and instructed officers to bring a further report to Cabinet reviewing the fees before the commencement of the scheme, and annually throughout the scheme to ensure they remain reasonable and proportionate and address any issues relating to surpluses or deficits in accordance with case law and the EU Services Directive.</p> <p>And therefore:</p> <p>2.5 Approved the Policy for Landlord Accreditation contained in Appendix 8, and agrees to cease operating an in-house landlord accreditation scheme in favour of working with local and national landlord and agent accreditation schemes.</p> <p>2.6 Instructed officers to present a further report to Cabinet before September 2023 with proposals to alter the Mandatory HMO Licensing model, fee structure and Licence conditions to create consistency between Mandatory and Additional Licensing of HMOs.</p> <p>Cabinet also approved:</p> <p>3.The updated Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy contained in Appendix 3, and agree its implementation from 1st December 2022.</p> <p>4. The updated Private Sector Housing HMO Space and Amenity standards document contained in Appendix 4, and agree its implementation from 1st December 2022.</p>	
12	All wards	<p>Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2022/2023</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>1. Noted that the Council's Treasury Management activities have remained within the Treasury Management Policy 2022/23 in the period up to</p>	<p>Chris Ward, Director of Finance & Resources</p>

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		<p>30 September 2022.</p> <p>2. Noted that the actual Treasury Management indicators as at 30 September 2022 set out in Appendix A be noted.</p> <p>The Cabinet also noted the Urgent Information Item - Treasury Management Investments: Environmental. Social and Governance Considerations, which is not subject to call-in.</p>	
13	All wards	<p>Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/2023 (Second Quarter)</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the General Fund Forecast Outturn for 2022/23 (as at 30th September 2022), consisting of £7,784,800 overspend (assuming the Employers 2022/23 Pay Offer of a flat increase to all Spinal Column Points of £1,925) 2. Noted the continuing financial impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic totalling £2.88m. 3. Noted the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic of £2.88m will be met from the provision held within the Council's Corporate Contingency which was set aside specifically for this purpose 4. Noted the impact of the overspending capital schemes outlined in Section 7 and the consequent effect this will have on the availability of new capital resources to fund new capital schemes commencing in April 2023. 5. Noted that in accordance with approved policy as described in Section 8, any actual non Covid-19 overspend at year end will in the first instance be deducted from any Portfolio Reserve balance and once depleted then be deducted from the 2023/24 Cash Limit. 6. Agreed that Directors, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member, consider options that seek to minimise any forecast non Covid-19 overspending presently being reported and prepare strategies outlining how any consequent reduction to the 2023/24 Portfolio cash limit will be managed to avoid further overspending during 2023/24. 	Chris Ward, Director of Finance & Resources