

**CABINET**

**4.30pm 17 OCTOBER 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

# **DECISION LIST**

**Part One**

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**80 THE BRIGHTON & HOVE FAIRNESS FUND AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND**

Decision implemented at close of business on: 25 October 2024 unless called in

*Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell*

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*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) That Cabinet approves the approach set out in Section 5 including the proposed allocations of funding from the Brighton & Hove Fairness Fund and the Household Support Fund.
- 2) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Chief Finance Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & City Regeneration, to make alterations to the allocation of the Household Support Fund in order to maximise its use in accordance with the relevant time constraints.

**81 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2024/25: MONTH 5 (AUGUST)**

Decision implemented at close of business on: 25 October 2024 unless called in

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*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) Cabinet notes the forecast risk position for the General Fund, which indicates a potential forecast overspend risk of £7.329m.
- 2) Cabinet notes the forecast outturn includes a forecast overspend risk of £1.156m on the NHS managed Section 75 services.
- 3) Cabinet notes the forecast overspend risk for the separate Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is an overspend of £0.682m.

- 4) Cabinet notes the forecast overspend risk for the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant, which is an overspend of £1.358m.
- 5) Cabinet notes the forecast position on the Capital Programme which is an overspend variance of £2.370m.
- 6) Cabinet approves the capital budget variations and re-profiling requests set out in Appendix 6.
- 7) Cabinet approves the new capital schemes requested in Appendix 7.
- 8) Cabinet notes the strengthened spending and recruitment controls set out in Section 17.

## **82 PROCUREMENT OF EXTERNAL LEGAL SERVICES FRAMEWORK**

Decision implemented at close of business on: 25 October 2024 unless called in

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- 1) That Cabinet approves the re-procurement of the external Legal Services Framework as outlined in Section 3.11 of the report and grants delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services to:
  - (i) Take all steps necessary or incidental to undertake the re-procurement process;
  - (ii) Award the framework agreement and any respective call-off contracts;
  - (iii) Authorise any modifications to the framework agreement during the framework term.

## **83 HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY**

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*Ward Affected:* All Wards

That Cabinet

- 1) Agree to adopt the changes set out in this report, in summary:
  - i) Change the 'local residency criteria' from 5 years to 5-out-of-7 years (para 4.1 – 4.3);
  - ii) Remove the 'allocation plan queue divisions' (para 4.4 – 4.6);
  - iii) Award 'reasonable preference' to all households with an

- accepted homeless duty (para 4.7 - 4.9);
  - iv) Award a 'reasonable preference' where homelessness is 'prevented' or 'relieved' (para 4.10-4.12);
  - v) Support applications from joint social housing tenants (para 4.13-4.14);
  - vi) Amend priority awarded to current or former armed forces personnel (para 4.15 – 4.16);
  - vii) Enable 'direct offers' in exceptional circumstances (para 4.17 – 4.18);
  - viii) Remove priority Band A status for households in temporary accommodation, where the property is being returned to the landlord (para 4.19 – 4.20);
  - ix) Award priority Band A status to 'non-statutory successors' for a 6-month time limited period (para 4.21 - 4.24); and
  - x) Permit households with a 4-bed or more need experiencing statutory overcrowding to bid for Brighton & Hove council properties which are one bedroom short of their need, where this would resolve statutory overcrowding (para 4.25 – 4.33).
- 2) Note these changes in the Allocations Policy (Appendix 1).
  - 3) Note the timescales for full implementation of the revised Allocations Policy by April 2025 (as set out in para 3.5).
  - 4) Agree commencing further consultation and analysis of the impact of a wider cohort of overcrowded households bidding on properties one bedroom less than their households need, where the result would not meet the criteria of statutory overcrowding (para 4.32).

## **84 OPTIONS FOR THE RE-PROCUREMENT OF ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

Decision implemented at close of business on: 25 October 2024 unless called in

*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) That Cabinet approves the procurement and award of a five-year Contract with an option to extend for a further two years for the provision of advocacy services and grants delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Housing Care & Wellbeing:
  - (i) To take all steps necessary or incidental to undertake the procurement process;
  - (ii) Award the Contract to the winning bidder;
  - (iii) Authorise any modifications and extensions to the Contract, subject to satisfactory performance of the provider, during the

contract period.

### **85 3 MOULSECOOMB WAY, BRIGHTON**

Decision implemented at close of business on: 25 October 2024 unless called in

*Contact Officer: Russell Hallowes-Smith      Tel: 01273 293 025*

*Ward Affected: Moulsecoomb &  
Bevendean, Coldean &  
Stanmer*

- 1) Cabinet agrees to enter into a conditional agreement in respect of 3 Moulsecoomb Way, Brighton, for the surrender of the existing leases and the grant of a new lease for a term of up to 200 years and on the terms as set out in this Part 1 report.
- 2) Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of City Services in consultation with the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the relevant Cabinet Member to finalise the terms then take the necessary steps to complete the transactions.

### **86 DEVILS DYKE HOTEL**

Decision implemented at close of business on: 25 October 2024 unless called in

*Contact Officer: Jessica Hamilton      Tel: 01273 291461*

- 1) Cabinet agrees to the surrender of the current lease and grant of a new commercial lease of the Devils Dyke Hotel in accordance with the terms set out in part 2 of this agenda.
- 2) Cabinet delegates authority to the Corporate Director City Services in consultation with the Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services to finalise the terms and take the necessary steps to complete the transaction.