

## **CABINET**

**2.00pm 17 JULY 2025**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

# **DECISION LIST**

### **Part One**

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#### **21 COUNCIL PLAN REFRESH**

Decision implemented at close of business on: 25 July 2025 unless called in

*Ward Affected:*     *All Wards*

- 1) Cabinet recommends the updated Council Plan refresh at Appendix 1 to full Council for approval.
- 2) Cabinet notes the achievements made since the Council Plan was adopted in July 2023 as set out in Appendix 2.
- 3) Cabinet notes the progress made in relation to delivering the Council Plan in 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix 3.
- 4) Cabinet notes the recommendations in the Corporate Peer Challenge at Appendix 4 and the response to these in the Council Plan Refresh and agrees a future report on progress to be brought to a future Cabinet meeting, as part of the quarterly performance update.
- 5) Cabinet delegates to the Head of Cabinet Office, following consultation with the Leader, the authority to make changes to the design and layout of the documents before publication on the Council's website.

#### **22 SEAFRONT DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

*Contact Officer:*     *Sam Smith*

*Ward Affected:*     *All Wards*

- 1) Cabinet agrees to establish a Seafront Development Board and the Terms of Reference in Appendix 1.
- 2) Cabinet agrees to the appointment of Rt Hon Lord Bassam as Chair and

to the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Finance & City Regeneration as Vice Chair of the Board.

- 3) Cabinet note progress with the recruitment process for Board members and delegates authority to the Director for Place, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Finance & City Regeneration and Chair of the Board, to finalise membership and operational arrangements.

## **23 WITHDEAN COMMUNITY POOL**

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*Ward Affected: All Wards*

That Cabinet:

- 1) Agrees to the current designs shown in Appendix A being progressed to a submission of a full planning application.
- 2) Approves a total project budget of £6.880m to deliver this new facility (inclusive of the previously approved £0.451m for Design Stages 2-4 to date) to be funded from a combination of s106 and capital borrowing.
- 3) Delegates authority to the Corporate Director City Operations, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member, to take all steps necessary to award and enter into a suitable contract with a main construction contractor, together with all associated contractual warranties and documents.
- 4) Delegates authority to the Corporate Director City Operations, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member to take all steps necessary to enter into an ongoing professional services contract with the preferred bidder, together with all associated contractual warranties and documents.

## **24 LIBRARY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

*Ward Affected: All Wards*

That Cabinet:

- 1) Notes the sustainability plan for Libraries as set out in this report
- 2) Agrees to commence a public consultation on the proposals, specifically covering the following suggestions:
- 3) Consult on the proposed closure of Hollingbury Library
- 4) Consult on the proposed closure of Rottingdean Library

- 5) Consult on the proposed closure of Westdene Library
- 6) Consult on the proposed changes in opening hours at Hove Library
- 7) Consult on the proposed changes in opening hours at Jubilee Library

## **25 HOUSING STRATEGY (2024-29) ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2024/25**

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*Contact Officer: Diane Hughes*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) That Cabinet consider and note the progress made towards the ambitions set out in the Housing Strategy 2024-29 and agrees actions to be undertaken in 2025-26 as set out at Appendix 1.

## **26 LARGE PANEL SYSTEM BLOCKS - OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

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*Contact Officer: Laura Webster*  
*Ward Affected: Hollingdean & Fiveways;*  
*Kemptown; Whitehawk &*  
*Marina*

### **St James House**

- 1) Cabinet agrees that in principle the preferred option for addressing the structural and strengthening issues identified in respect of St James House is the demolition and replacement of St James House with new homes in keeping with the housing needs of the city, and regeneration of the site.
- 2) Cabinet agrees for officers to progress with the delivery of the design and feasibility work for the development, inclusive of demolition, planning, through appointment of a multi-disciplinary team.
- 3) Cabinet agrees for officers to further explore options for the delivery mechanism of any regeneration scheme for St James House, including through Homes for Brighton & Hove LLP or direct council delivery.
- 4) Cabinet agrees to proceed to a consultation in respect of the preferred option with leaseholders, tenants, and other relevant stakeholders.
- 5) Cabinet notes that subject to approval of recommendation in paragraph 2.1, then, following consultation with the Homemove Manager, may exercise discretion under the Allocations Policy to allocate Priority Band B

to secure tenants of St James House seeking transfers to alternative council owned homes.

- 6) Cabinet agrees for officers to develop and consult upon a Rehousing Policy and Local Lettings Plan which would apply to the temporary and/or permanent rehousing of all Council tenants who are accommodated by the Council under a statutory duty and who are affected by the regeneration schemes of St James House and which incorporates the proposed tenant offer described in the report, including in relation to the priority of existing Council tenants of St James House for allocation to the new housing on the site, in keeping with the intention to offer right to return.
- 7) The Cabinet notes the support and offer to leaseholders outlined in the report and the intention to engage with leaseholders further regarding the development of proposals.
- 8) Cabinet agrees to a Housing Revenue Account capital budget of £3.013m to cover initial development work, resident support, and a rehousing programme in line with the anticipated 'tenant offer'.

#### **Nettleton Court and Dudeney Lodge**

- 9) Cabinet agrees that in principle the preferred option for addressing the structural and strengthening issues identified in respect of Nettleton Court and Dudeney Lodge is their demolition and replacement with new homes in keeping with the housing needs of the city, and regeneration of the site.
- 10) Cabinet agrees for officers to progress with the delivery of the design and feasibility work for the development of the site of Nettleton Court and Dudeney Lodge, inclusive of demolition, planning, through appointment of a multi-disciplinary team.
- 11) Cabinet agrees for officers to explore delivery options for the site, including through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party partner.
- 12) Cabinet agrees to proceed to a consultation in respect of the preferred option with leaseholders, tenants, and other relevant stakeholders.
- 13) Cabinet notes that, subject to the approval of recommendation in paragraph 2.9, then, following consultation with the Homemove Manager, may exercise their discretion under the Allocations Policy to agree to allocate Priority Band B to secure tenants of Nettleton Court and Dudeney Lodge seeking transfers to alternative council owned homes.
- 14) Cabinet agrees for officers to develop and consult upon a Rehousing Policy and Local Lettings Plan which would apply to the temporary and/or permanent rehousing of all Council tenants who are accommodated by the Council under a statutory duty and who are

affected by the regeneration schemes of Nettleton Court and Dudeney Lodge and which incorporates the proposed tenant offer described in the report, including in relation to the priority of existing Council tenants of Nettleton Court and Dudeney Lodge for allocation to the new housing on the site, in keeping with the intention to offer right to return.

- 15) Cabinet notes the support and offer to leaseholders outlined in the report and the intention to engage with leaseholders further regarding the development of proposals.
- 16) Cabinet agrees to a Housing Revenue Account capital budget of £2.488m to cover initial development work, resident support, tenant offer and future rehousing programme.

**Falcon Court, Heron Court, Kestrel Court, Kingfisher Court, and Swallow Court (“North Whitehawk”)**

- 17) Cabinet agrees in principle that the preferred option for addressing the structural and strengthening issues identified in respect of Falcon Court, Heron Court, Kestrel Court, Kingfisher Court, and Swallow Court is their demolition and replacement with new homes in keeping with the housing needs of the city, and regeneration of the site.
- 18) Cabinet agrees to initiate a masterplanning and stakeholder visioning exercise for the wider Whitehawk area.
- 19) Cabinet agrees to proceed to a consultation in respect of the preferred option with leaseholders, tenants, and other relevant stakeholders.
- 20) Cabinet agrees to a Housing Revenue Account capital budget of £1.988m to appoint a multi-disciplinary project team for the masterplan work, for the feasibility and design of North Whitehawk (phase 1), and to fund additional resident support and future rehousing programme.
- 21) Cabinet notes that, subject to approval of recommendation in paragraph 2.17, then, following consultation with the Homemove Manager, may exercise their discretion under the Allocations Policy to agree to allocate Priority Band B to secure tenants of Falcon Court, Heron Court, Kestrel Court, Kingfisher Court and Swallow Court, seeking transfers to alternative council owned homes.
- 22) Cabinet agrees for officers to develop and consult on a Rehousing Policy and Local Lettings Plan which would apply to the temporary and/or permanent rehousing of all Council tenants who are accommodated by the Council under a statutory duty who are affected by the regeneration schemes for Falcon Court, Heron Court, Kestrel Court, Kingfisher Court and Swallow Court, and which incorporates the proposed tenant offer described in the report, including in relation to the priority of existing Council tenants for allocation to the new housing on the site, in keeping with the intention to offer right to return.

## **27 GENERAL FUND BUDGET PLANNING & RESOURCE UPDATE - 2026-27 TO 2029-30**

*Ward Affected: All Wards*

That Cabinet:

- 1) Note the planning assumption of a Council Tax increase of 2.99% over the 4-year Medium-Term Financial Plan period and an Adult Social Care Precept of 2.00% or the equivalent in grant funding in 2026/27.
- 2) Note the funding assumptions and net expenditure projections for 2026/27 including a projected budget shortfall of £39.765 million.
- 3) Note the Medium-Term financial projections for 2026/27 to 2029/30 and the predicted budget gaps totalling over £95 million over the period.
- 4) Agree the proposed budget development approach and that members will use this to develop 4-year medium-term service and financial plans and proposals for Budget Council consideration, including savings targets, to enable a legally balanced budget in 2026/27 and enable the Council Tax for the year to be set.
- 5) Note that projections for next year and the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) will be updated following government funding announcements expected in Autumn 2025.

## **28 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2025/26 MONTH 2 (MAY)**

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*Contact Officer: James Hengeveld*

*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) Cabinet notes the forecast risk position for the General Fund, which indicates a potential forecast overspend risk of £15.486m.
- 2) Cabinet notes the forecast overspend risk for the separate Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is an overspend of £0.450m.
- 3) Cabinet notes the forecast overspend risk for the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant, which is an overspend of £4.437m.
- 4) Cabinet notes the forecast position on the Capital Programme which is an underspend variance of £0.417m.
- 5) Cabinet approves the capital budget variations and re-profiling requests

set out in Appendix 5.

- 6) Cabinet approves the new capital schemes requested in Appendix 6.