

## CABINET

2.00pm 19 MARCH 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

# DECISION LIST

### Part One

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#### 144 MODERNISING OUR RECYCLING CENTRE

Decision implemented at close of business on: 27 March 2026 unless called in

*Contact Officer:* Satti Sidhu, Melissa Francis      *Tel:* 01273 293219, *Tel:* 01273 290697  
*Ward Affected:* All Wards

- 1) That Cabinet approves the procurement and installation by Veolia of a new optical sorter, chutes, conveyors and bays, along with the associated adaptation works required at the Hollingdean Materials Recovery Facility.
- 2) That Cabinet approves a capital budget of £2.3m to be funded by PWLB borrowing.
- 3) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Corporate Director for City Operations, in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment and Net Zero, to finalise, approve and enter into any required contractual amendments with Veolia, including agreeing detailed terms of all necessary Deeds of Variation.

#### 145 ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

*Contact Officer:* Melissa Francis, Louise Lawrence      *Tel:* 01273 290697  
*Ward Affected:* All Wards

- 1) That Cabinet approves a set of changes that will introduce a fairer system of environmental enforcement, with a shift towards early engagement, prevention and collaboration with residents and businesses to improve the look and feel of the city, whilst ensuring a robust approach to tackle persistent and more serious offences.

- 2) That Cabinet approves the introduction from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 of a lower-tier, proportionate FPN schedule for minor fly-tipping (residential and commercial) and littering, as set out in appendix A.
- 3) That Cabinet approves taking the high-profile none payers to court, to get a clear message out to businesses, that they have a legal duty to ensure that their waste is disposed of correctly and that failure to do so could result in them having a criminal record.
- 4) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Corporate Director, City Operations, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Net Zero & Environmental Services, to finalise operational policies and procedures, and to make minor amendments to the FPN schedule within national parameters.

#### **146 A CLEANER CITY CENTRE**

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*Contact Officer:*     *Melissa Francis*                             *Tel: 01273 290697*  
*Ward Affected:*     *All Wards*

- 1) Cabinet agrees to note progress to date on the Station to the Sea – Test & Learn Pilot.
- 2) Cabinet agrees to endorse the continued focus provided by the City Centre Manager.
- 3) Cabinet agrees to approve the introduction of an overnight cleansing service for the city centre from May 2026.

#### **147 LOCAL AUTHORITY BUS GRANT DELIVERY PLAN 2026-27**

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*Ward Affected:*     *All Wards*

Cabinet agrees that:

- 5) the £5.752m in revenue and £3.259m in 2026/27 LABG funding is allocated as set out in Table 2.
- 6) the Corporate Director City Operations is granted delegated authority to adjust, cancel or re-instate the allocations set out in Table 2 as the Corporate Director may consider necessary or appropriate from time to time provided that any allocations remain as permitted by any conditions attached to the LABG.

## **148 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGY 2026 - 2029**

*Contact Officer:* Charlotte Farrell  
*Ward Affected:* All Wards

*Tel:* 01273 291099

That Cabinet:

- 1) Recommends to Full Council that it approves the Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy 2026–2029, attached in Appendix 1.

## **149 CRISIS AND RESILIENCE FUND**

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*Contact Officer:* Lynsay Cook  
*Ward Affected:* All Wards

*Tel:* 01273 291851

- 1) Cabinet agrees the allocation set out in Sections 4.3 to 4.29 and Appendix 1 for the allocations of the CRF.
- 2) Cabinet delegates authority to the Section 151 Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Regeneration, to make alterations to the allocation of the CRF to maximise its use.
- 3) Cabinet delegates authority to the Section 151 Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Regeneration, to approve a revised Housing Payment Scheme.

## **150 BEST START IN LIFE STRATEGIC PLAN**

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*Ward Affected:* All Wards

- 1) Cabinet agrees the Best Start in Life Strategic Plan 2026-2029 (Appendix 1) and for this to be published on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and authorises the Corporate Director - Families, Children and Wellbeing to make any necessary minor non-material text and illustrative alterations prior to its publication.

## **151 PLANNED MAINTENANCE BUDGET AND ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND ALLOCATIONS AND EDUCATION CAPITAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2026-2027**

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Contact Officer: Yann Vochelle  
Ward Affected: All Wards

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- 1) Cabinet notes the level of available capital resources totalling £5,569,000m for investment relating to education buildings.
- 2) Cabinet agrees the allocation of funding as shown in Appendix 1 for inclusion within the council's Capital Investment Programme 2026/27.
- 3) Cabinet grants delegated authority to the Director of Property & Finance to procure the capital maintenance and basic need works required, as set out in Appendix 1, and enter into contracts in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.
- 4) Cabinet approves the annual programme of planned maintenance works within the Planned Maintenance Budget for 2026/27 as detailed in Appendix 2, at a total estimated cost of £4,509,540.
- 5) Cabinet approves the allocations from the Asset Management Fund for 2026/27, totalling £1,000,000, as detailed in Appendix 3.
- 6) Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Property & Finance to take all steps necessary to procure the Planned Maintenance Budget works and Asset Management Fund improvement works and award contracts within these budgets and in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.

## **152 PRIDE IN PLACE**

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Ward Affected: *Whitehawk & Marina*

- 1) That Cabinet approves the acceptance of the Pride in Place funding award by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) as set out in section 3 of this report.
- 2) That Cabinet agrees that the Council shall provide support to the Pride of Place Programme in the terms specified by MCHLG, including acting as the Board's Accountable Body, in accordance with the obligations and requirements of the Programme.
- 3) That Cabinet delegates authority to the Council's S151 Officer, in liaison with the Leader of the Council, to take all actions necessary to support the establishment of the Neighbourhood Board, including appropriate governance arrangements, and to oversee the administration of all Pride in Place grant funding received from the MHCLG in accordance with published guidance and legal responsibilities.



(Kempton); Nettleton Court & Dudeney Lodge (Hollingdean); and Heron, Kestrel, Swallow, Falcon and Kingfisher Courts (collectively the Whitehawk 'Bird Blocks') with new homes in keeping with the housing needs of the city, and regeneration of the sites.

- 3) Cabinet agrees to authorise the service of "initial demolition notices" for St James's House (Kempton); Nettleton Court & Dudeney Lodge (Hollingdean); and Heron, Kestrel, Swallow, Falcon and Kingfisher Courts (collectively the Whitehawk 'Bird Blocks') in accordance with Schedule 5A of the Housing Act 1985.
- 4) Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director Homes and Adult Social Care to determine the timing and service of the initial demolition notices for each site.
- 5) Cabinet is asked to note the outcome of the consultation (as detailed in this report) relating to the preferred option and agrees to approve the Rehousing Policy at Appendix 3 and Local Lettings Plan at Appendix 4 for the eight LPS blocks.
- 6) Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Homes and Adult Social Care to actively engage with all impacted leaseholders to facilitate the acquisition of the leaseholders' legal interests within the 8 LPS blocks.
- 7) Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Homes and Adult Social Care to take all steps necessary to develop an offer for the provision of lease/property swaps for those resident leaseholders within the eight LPS Blocks who are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to purchase an alternative property on the open market.
- 8) Cabinet approves the launch of a pilot Home Ownership Pact Scheme for eligible tenants residing in the eight LPS blocks, as detailed in Section 8.
- 9) Cabinet agrees to approve a budget of £0.4m to operate the Pilot Home Ownership Pact scheme in 2026/27.

## **156 MIDDLE STREET- STATUTORY NOTICES**

Decision implemented at close of business on: 27 March 2026 unless called in

*Contact Officer: Richard Barker*

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*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) That Cabinet agrees to the publication of a statutory notice in respect of the proposed closure of Middle Street Primary School with effect from 31 August 2026. The committee notes that publication of the statutory notice will trigger a four-week representation period which will run from 8 April 2026 to 5 May 2026 during which interested parties can comment on the

proposal.

- 2) That Cabinet notes that following the representation period a further report will come back to Full Council on 21 May 2026 at which a final decision will be made.