

CABINET

2.00pm 23 APRIL 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

167 E-SCOOTER TRIAL CONSULTATION REPORT

Decision implemented at close of business on: 1 May 2026 unless called in

Contact Officer: Matthew Thompson

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) Cabinet agrees to note the outcomes of the public consultation on the proposed e-scooter trial and the Council responses for the trial as set out in section 5 of the report and Appendices 1& 2.
- 2) Cabinet delegates authority to the Corporate Director City Operations in consultation with the Cabinet Member, Transport and City Infrastructure, to implement and run a new e-scooter trial in accordance with Department for Transport requirements.
- 3) Subject to the matters set out in the Part 2 report Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director City Operations in consultation with the Cabinet Member Transport and City Infrastructure, to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements with the current Bikeshare scheme operator Smidsy (trading as Beryl) for the implementation and operation of the escooter trial and to enter into an extension of the existing Bikeshare scheme (incorporating the escooter trial) for up to two years to cover the period to 30 September 2029.

168 THE KING ALFRED LEISURE CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT - PROGRESS UPDATE

Decision implemented at close of business on: 1 May 2026 unless called in

Ward Affected: All Wards

That Cabinet:

- 1) Agrees that the Council enters into Development Management Agreements with Alliance Leisure for enabling works on the new King Alfred leisure facility site including the demolition of the disused bowling alley area.
- 2) Agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director City Operations in consultation with the cabinet member for Sports, Recreation and Libraries to finalise the terms of the Development Management Agreements and enter into the Development Management Agreement and any ancillary documentation.
- 3) Agrees to bring forward the allocation of £3.5m from previously agreed project capital budget to fund these works up to November 2026.

169 TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION - TRANSFORMATION FOR FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Decision implemented at close of business on: 1 May 2026 unless called in

Contact Officer: Edward Yeo

Ward Affected: All Wards

That Cabinet;

- 1) Agrees to continue the use of using Housing Revenue Account voids as Temporary Accommodation from 19 January 2026 up to 1 May 2027, subject to the exemptions described at paragraph 4.4 and 4.5, with a maximum of 180 properties in scope over that time period.
- 2) Agrees the amended policy on the use of Housing Revenue Account voids as Temporary Accommodation as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.
- 3) Notes the Equality Impact Assessment in relation to the use of voids as detailed at Appendix 2 to the report.
- 4) Agree the new rent review policy as set out in paragraph 5.1 to 5.8 which will set council-owned and long-term leased Temporary Accommodation rents at the appropriate Local Housing Allowance (LHA) Rate for the type of accommodation.
- 5) Note the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment as detailed at Appendix 3 to the report.
- 6) Agree to the establishment of a new hardship fund for households who are in the relevant council-owned, and long-term leased properties who may otherwise be adversely financially impacted as a result of the rent review not in receipt of benefits. The scope, purpose and operation of the

hardship fund are detailed in Appendix 4, with the intention of providing support during the transition to the new rent arrangements.

- 7) Agree to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Homes and Adult Social Care, in consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing, to align rents for council owned properties owned or on long leases by the Council and used as TA with any future increases in Local Housing Allowance rates.
- 8) Agree to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Homes and Adult Social Care, in consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing to finalise the supporting documents and operational guidance for the hardship fund in accordance with the scope set out in Appendix 4.
- 9) Agree the principle of working with Registered Providers to develop an Exempt Supported Temporary Accommodation model that reduces reliance on high-cost spot-purchased placements and provides vulnerable residents with stable accommodation and embedded support.
- 10) Agree the creation of a nomination process and Service Level Agreement with Registered Providers to govern delivery of the model, clarify roles and responsibilities and establish an appropriate approach to risk-sharing.

170 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Decision implemented at close of business on: 1 May 2026 unless called in

Contact Officer: Diane Hughes

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) Cabinet agrees that the amended Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy, as set out in Appendix 1, is adopted from 1 May 2026.
- 2) Cabinet delegates authority to Corporate Director Homes & Adult Social Care in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing to make such amendments to the policy as may be required following adoption as outlined in paragraph 3.6 of this report.

171 ASSET STRATEGY

Decision implemented at close of business on: 1 May 2026 unless called in

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) Cabinet agrees to the appropriation for housing purposes or disposal of the properties identified at paragraphs 3.4-3.21 of this report and the Part 2 report in the manner set out in the reports.

- 2) Cabinet delegates authority to the Director Property & Finance in consultation with the Director Governance & Law and the Cabinet Member for Finance and City Regeneration to approve terms and take any necessary steps to facilitate and complete the appropriation for housing purposes or disposals of the properties identified and achieve best consideration.