

CABINET

10.30am 15 OCTOBER 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

1 ROYAL PAVILION GARDENS RESTORATION PROJECT

Decision implemented at close of business on: 23 October 2026 unless called in

Contact Officer: *Nicholas Fishlock* *Tel: 01273 293905*
Ward Affected: *West Hill & North Laine*

1. Cabinet agrees a budget increase of £1.600m funded by National Lottery Heritage Funding, Historic England Grant and RPMT donations. This takes the total project to £8.038m for the delivery of the restoration project works.
2. Cabinet delegates authority to the Corporate Director – City Operations, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, to enter into a contract to appoint a Main Contractor to carry out the restoration works to the Royal Pavilion Garden within the project cost plan. Subject to receiving approval of additional £0.500m funding from Historic England.

2 ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP

Decision implemented at close of business on: 23 October 2026 unless called in

Ward Affected: *All Wards*

1. Cabinet approves the Advertising and Sponsorship Policy in Appendix 1, including the safeguards, prohibited and restricted categories, governance arrangements, approval levels and review provisions set out in the policy.
2. Cabinet notes the intention to undertake an initial pilot, identifying 3-5 low risk sites for advertising wraps, banners and hoardings to test demand for advertising space, the application of the policy, and secure early income.

Insights from the pilot will be used to refine future delivery in line with the Council's learning framework.

3. Cabinet agrees for the Council to join the Coalition to End Gambling Ads (CEGA) and authorises the Director of Public Health and Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement to complete the membership arrangements and prepare appropriate communications activity.
4. Cabinet delegates authority to the Director for People and Innovation, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to make minor amendments to the policy and supporting guidance that do not change the substantive purpose of the policy or the prohibitions agreed by Cabinet.

3 BLACK ROCK FUTURE VISION AND MEANWHILE USE.

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Ward Affected: Kemptown

1. Cabinet notes and endorses the Black Rock Future Vision and approves the Council's phased approach to site activation and long-term regeneration.
2. Cabinet approves Bidder 1 identified in the part 2 report as the Council's preferred bidder for the Black Rock meanwhile-use opportunity, subject to satisfactory completion of due diligence and the negotiation of acceptable commercial, legal and operational terms.
3. Cabinet approves Bidder 2 identified in the Part 2 report as reserve bidder should satisfactory terms not be capable of being concluded with Bidder 1.
4. Cabinet delegates authority to the Corporate Director City Operations to, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to: a) undertake all necessary due diligence; b) negotiate and finalise Heads of Terms; c) enter into all lease agreements and ancillary legal documentation necessary to implement the recommendations contained within this report.
5. Cabinet agrees that any lease agreement should:
 - be limited to a maximum five-year term;
 - contain appropriate break and termination provisions;
 - require removal of tenant infrastructure at lease expiry;
 - require the site to be returned in a condition substantially equivalent to that existing immediately prior to occupation, at the operator's expense, unless otherwise agreed by the Council;
 - include agreed social value commitments and monitoring arrangements.

4 STREETLIGHTING CONTRACT EXTENSION

Decision implemented at close of business on: 23 October 2026 unless called in

Contact Officer: Tracy Beverley
Ward Affected: All Wards

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1. Cabinet agrees to extend the existing Street Lighting Contract with Colas Limited for a period of up to 12 months commencing on 1 November 2026, with an estimated value of £1.3m.
2. Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Corporate Director, City Operations, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Parking and Public Realm, to take all necessary steps to give effect to the contract extension and variation, including the execution of a Deed of Extension and any associated contractual documentation.

5 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2026/27 MONTH 5 (AUGUST)

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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 £23.835m.
2. Cabinet notes the additional risks of £18.862m included in the table at Appendix 2 which are not included in the forecast figure above.
3. Cabinet notes the forecast overspend risk for the separate Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is an overspend of £1.145m.
4. Cabinet notes the forecast overspend risk for the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant, which is an overspend of £7.368m in year resulting in a cumulative deficit of £9.130m.
5. Cabinet notes the progress of transformation programmes shown in Appendix 6 and the delivery of savings as detailed at 3.8 and 3.9 of the report.
6. Cabinet notes the Treasury Management update at Appendix 3.
7. Cabinet approves the addition of new projects to the capital programme totalling £0.357m as set out in Appendix 4.
8. Cabinet approves the capital budget variations of £0.717m and reprofiling of £20.094m set out in Appendix 5.

9. Cabinet notes the forecast position on the Capital Programme at Appendix 5.

10. Cabinet notes the aged debt position shown at Appendix 7.