

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 23 JANUARY 2020

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

DECISION LIST

Part One

108 BUSINESS RATES RETENTION FORECAST 2020/21

Contact Officer: Heather Bentley Tel: 01273 291244
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

1. Noted that the amount forecast to be received by the council in 2020/21 from its share of local business rates and section 31 Local Government Act 2003 compensation grants is £67.077m, based on the latest data. This was £0.341m (0.5%) above the forecast used in the December Draft Revenue Budget proposals report.
2. Delegated the agreement of the final business rates forecast and the NNDR1 2020/21 form to the Acting Chief Finance Officer following consultation with the Chair of this Committee for the reasons given in paragraph 1.2.

109 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2020/21

Contact Officer: Heather Bentley Tel: 01273 291244
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

1. Approved the calculation of the council's tax base for the year 2020/21.
2. Noted the collection rate assumed is 99.00%.
3. Agreed that in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated by Brighton & Hove City Council as its council tax base for the year

2020/21 shall be as follows:-

- (i) Brighton and Hove in whole – 90,722.8 (as detailed in appendix 1)
 - (ii) Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee – 31.0 (as detailed in appendix 2)
 - (iii) Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee – 39.4 (as detailed in appendix 2)
 - (iv) Marine Square Enclosure Committee – 75.8 (as detailed in appendix 2)
 - (v) Parish of Rottingdean – 1,574.1 (as detailed in appendix 2)
4. Agreed that for the purposes of Section 35(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the expenses of meeting the special levies issued to the council by the Enclosure Committees shall be its special expenses.
 5. Agreed that the Enclosure Committees and Rottingdean Parish are paid the required Council Tax Reduction Grant of c£4,000 in total, to ensure they are no better or no worse off as a result of the introduction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.7.

110 HOLLINGBURY PARK AND WATERHALL GOLF COURSES

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

1. Agreed to lease Waterhall Golf Course to the Community Interest Company (CIC) described in the bid appended to the Part 2 report for a period of 25 years.
2. Delegated authority to the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture to conclude the lease arrangements for Waterhall Golf Course as per 1.
3. Agreed to lease Hollingbury Park Golf Course to the Registered Charity described in the bid appended to the Part 2 report for a period of up to three years and agrees to enter into an agreement for lease and a lease for up to 25 years.
4. Delegated authority to the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture to negotiate and conclude the lease arrangements for Hollingbury Park Golf Course as per 3.
5. Noted that TECC recommended that, if no clearly beneficial bid was identified for Hollingbury Park Golf Course, Policy & Resources Committee order a review.

111 LIFE EVENTS FEES AND CHARGES

Contact Officer: Paul Holloway
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 01273 292005

RESOLVED: That the Committee approved the changes to fees and charges in the Registration Service as shown in the appendix to the report.

112 REPROCUREMENT OF SECONDARY RECORDS STORAGE

Contact Officer: Peter Bode
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 01273 296634

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

1. Approved the procurement of a Secondary Records Storage provider in partnership with Surrey County Council.
2. Granted delegated authority to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources to award a contract for the provision of secondary records storage for an initial period of 7 years with three optional 1 year extensions.

113 PROCUREMENT OF COUNCIL OWNED SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION – GLADSTONE COURT, HARTINGTON ROAD, BRIGHTON

Contact Officer: Ododo Dafe
Ward Affected: Hanover & Elm Grove

Tel: 01273 293201

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed –

1. That the Council makes an offer of up to the agreed sum detailed in the Part 2 report to acquire Gladstone Court.
2. That the freehold of the site is appropriated from the General Fund for Part II Housing Act 1985 purposes for a fee of up to £275,000, as estimated by external valuation.

114 COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

Contact Officer: Giles Rossington
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 01273 295514

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

1. Approved the establishment of a cross-party Member Working Group to oversee the Community Wealth Building programme.

2. Agreed the Steering Group Terms of Reference (**Appendix 1**).

115 BHCC BREXIT RESILIENCE & PLANNING UPDATE

Contact Officer: Dee Humphreys

Tel: 01273 290555

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

1. Noted the contents of this report.
2. Agreed to formal updates on the council's preparations for the UK's withdrawal from the EU to be provided to the Policy & Resources Committee on a quarterly basis throughout 2020.
3. Agreed that the Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law be authorised to take such steps and incur such expenditure within the allocated funds as is necessary in relation to Brexit, such steps or expenditure to be reported to the next meeting of the Woking Group.