

Decision Schedule

Decision made by	Cabinet
Decision made on	Wednesday, 6 March 2024
Date decisions published	Thursday, 07 March 2024

Item no.	Agenda item	Contact Officer	Decision	*Key/ Non Key	**Last date for call in
4	Matters Referred from Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rules	Adam Green, Senior Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutiny Feedback on the Housing Support Review <p>Cabinet AGREED to have regard to the Scrutiny Committee's feedback.</p>	Non-Key	N/A
5	Intensive Housing Management Service (Housing Support) Review	Alison Bennett, Assistant Director for Housing	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED the outcome from the Intensive Housing Management (Housing Support) Review; APPROVED the establishment of an Independent Living Framework to provide clarity on the Council's housing support arrangements and associated costs; DELEGATED authority to the Director for Housing and Communities, in consultation with 	Key	12 March 2024

			<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services to make minor amendments to the Framework and to publish the final version on the Council's website and provide to tenants;</p> <p>4) APPROVED that the Council's Intensive Housing Management Service will cease and be replaced by the arrangements set out in the report recommendations 2.5 and 2.6;</p> <p>5) APPROVED the implementation of an Independent Living Support Service applied to properties designated as 'Sheltered Housing', as specified at section 5.15 of the report, and;</p> <p>5.1) APPROVED that the cost of delivering the Independent Living Support Service is met by an appropriate service charge, as set out at section 5.26 of the report;</p> <p>5.2) APPROVED that a 20% discount is implemented in 2024/25, as a contribution to elements of the</p>		
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			<p>service that are ineligible for housing benefit;</p> <p>5.3) APPROVED that a 10% discount is implemented in 2025/26, as a contribution to elements of the service that are ineligible for housing benefit;</p> <p>5.4) APPROVED that the full Independent Living Service Charge will be implemented from 2026/27;</p> <p>5.5) APPROVED the commencement of a four-week period of consultation on the proposed Independent Living Support Service for those tenants living within the specified properties;</p> <p>5.6) DELEGATED Authority to the Director for Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Director for Corporate Services, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Property, Finance and Resources to consider feedback from the consultation, finalise and implement an</p>		
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			<p>Independent Living Support Service Charge and report back to Cabinet if required;</p> <p>5.7) DELEGATED authority to the Director for Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Director for Corporate Services and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services to create a one-off budget of up to £50,000 to enable improvements to communal areas of the sheltered housing schemes in 2024/25, funded from the HRA Regeneration and Development reserve;</p> <p>6) APPROVED the personalised exit and transitional plan, as set out in section 5.33 of the report for the remaining 'dispersed' Council properties that have historically been subject to an Intensive Housing Management charge, the outcome of which will be that each tenant will be directly supported to access alternative support and lifeline services relevant to their individual needs and preferences, and;</p>		
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			<p>6.1) APPROVED the commencement of a four-week period of consultation on the proposed personalised exit and transitional plan arrangements for tenants in dispersed properties;</p> <p>6.2) DELEGATED authority to the Director for Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Director for Corporate Services and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services, authority to consider feedback from the consultation, finalise and implement the exit and transitional plan arrangements and to report back to Cabinet if required.</p>		
6	Quarter 3 Treasury Management Report	David Scott, Assistant Director for Resources	<p>Cabinet:</p> <p>1) NOTED the Quarter 3 position on treasury activity for 2023-24;</p> <p>2) NOTED the Quarter 3 position on Prudential Indicators for 2023-24.</p>	Non-Key	N/A
7	Risk Management Update	David Scott, Assistant Director for Resources	Cabinet NOTED the contents of the report and the updated Strategic Risk Register and associated Risk Management Action Plan.	Non-Key	N/A
8	Planning Guidance,	Michelle Howard,	Cabinet:	Non-Key	N/A

	Children's Homes	<p>Director for Housing and Communities</p> <p>Sarah Legge, Assistant Director for Planning</p>	<p>1) APPROVED the 'Planning Guidance for Applicants' - Children's Homes document;</p> <p>2) DELEGATED to the Director for Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment and Regulatory Services authority to make minor amendments to the guidance as required;</p> <p>3) AGREED that a proactive approach is taken to engage with local and national partners to increase awareness of the need for local context and community cohesion to be taken into consideration when considering the suitability of locations for children's homes in local communities;</p> <p>4) NOTED that the Leader of the Council will be writing to Ofsted to express concern about their current approach and the absence of consideration regarding proportionality and concentration of children's homes in rural communities;</p> <p>5) REQUESTED that the policy position is</p>		
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			considered as part of the Local Plan Review process.		
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Call in

***What is a Key Decision?**

A Key Decision is an **executive decision** likely to result in the Council:

- Incurring expenditure of £50,000 or more, or;
- Making savings or generate income of £50,000 or more, and/or
- Has a significant impact on two or more wards in the Borough and on communities living or working in those areas.

All Key Decisions will come into effect three working days (not including the date of publishing) after a decision has been published. The last date for call in will be included on the decision notice.

****What happens once a Key Decision has been made?**

When a **Key Decision** is made the decision shall be published within two clear working days of being made.

Copies of the notice of decision shall be published;

- In hard copy (upon request) at the main offices of the Council.
- By email which will be provided to all members.
- On the website.

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How can scrutiny members call in a Key Decision?

The call-in request shall be on a completed **call-in request form** and include the names and signatures of six members excluding Cabinet Members, the decision making principles it is believed have been breached and also the reasons for this.