

Record of the decisions of the meeting of the **CABINET** held remotely on Monday, 1 March 2021 at 11.00 am

Present:

Chairman: Councillor T J Bartlett

Councillors: N J Collor
M J Holloway
N S Kenton
D P Murphy
O C de R Richardson
C A Vinson

Officers: Chief Executive
Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial)
Head of Assets and Building Control
Head of Finance and Investment
Head of Governance
Head of Inward Investment and Tourism
Head of Leadership Support
Democratic Services Manager
Democratic Services Officer

The formal decisions of the executive are detailed in the following schedule.

Record of Decisions: Executive Functions

Decision Status	Record of Decision	Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	Reasons for Decision	Conflicts of interest (if any) declared by decision maker(s) or consultees (if any)
CAB 93 01.03.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 9 March 2021	<u>APOLOGIES</u> It was noted that there were no apologies for absence.	None.	To note any apologies for absence.	
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CAB 94 01.03.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 9 March 2021	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were no declarations of interest.	None.	To note any declarations of interest.	

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<p>CAB 95 01.03.21 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions No</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 9 March 2021</p>	<p><u>RECORD OF DECISIONS</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the decisions of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 February 2021, as detailed in decision numbers CAB 80 to CAB 92, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Cabinet is required to approve the Record of Decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 February 2021.</p>	
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<p>CAB 96 01.03.21 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions No</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 9 March 2021</p>	<p><u>FLOODING IN DEAL</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendation, made at its meeting held on 6 February 2021 (Minute No 92), be accepted, as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That a series of meetings be held with Southern Water, with the objective of finding a solution to the issues in Deal.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Southern Water was invited to attend the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 February 2021 in order to answer Members' questions about flooding problems in Deal.</p>	
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<p>CAB 97 01.03.21 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 9 March 2021</p>	<p><u>COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/22 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22-2024/25</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's endorsement of Cabinet decision CAB 88, made at its meeting held on 8 February (Minute No 95), be acknowledged.</p>	None.	At its meeting held on 8 February 2021, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed Cabinet decision CAB 88 of 1 February 2021 and made no additional recommendations.	
<p>CAB 98 01.03.21 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply (a) Yes (b) No</p> <p>Implementation Date (a) 9 March 2021 (b) 4 March 2021</p>	<p><u>COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/22 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22-2024/25</u></p> <p>(a) It was agreed:</p> <p>(i) That the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Digital, to administer funding for local businesses and families as intended by Government.</p> <p>(ii) That, subject to Council approving the 2021/22 budget, the grants to organisations, as set out at Annex 9 of the report, be approved as follows:</p> <p>Grants to Concessionary Rentals 2021/22 - £37,580 Various grants towards rentals/lease charges:</p>	None.	The Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) is the Council's key financial planning tool and underpins the Council's financial planning strategy and corporate planning process. The MTFP 2021/22 - 2024/25 incorporates the General Fund Revenue Budget, the Housing	

	<p>Sandwich Tennis Club - £50 Aylesham Parish Council - £75 Dover Bowling Club - £225 Victoria Park Bowling Club - £355 Aylesham Parish Council - £150 Dover Rugby Football Club - £1,225 Dover Rugby Football Club - £1,750 Dover Athletic Football Club - £2,500 Dover Athletic Football Club - £8,000 Dover Citizens' Advice Bureau - £10,000 Deal Citizens' Advice Bureau - £10,000 Cross Links - £3,250</p> <p>Financial Assistance Payments to Other Outside Bodies:</p> <p>Your Leisure - £100,350 Agreed budget for Tides Leisure Centre</p> <p>Pegasus Playscheme - £1,500 Provision of a playscheme for children with disabilities</p> <p>Age Concern - £1,500 Provision of area office services</p> <p>Kent County Council - £3,000 Contribution to Sports Partnership</p> <p>Gazen Salts Nature Reserve - £4,500 To assist in managing and maintaining the reserve</p> <p>Sandwich Town Cricket Club - £16,000 To assist the club in defraying its expenditure in managing, maintaining and improving the recreation grounds at The Butts and Gazen Salts</p>		<p>Revenue Account Budget and the Capital and Revenue Projects Programmes. Cabinet approval is required for the 2021/22 budget and MTFP before final approval by Council on 3 March 2021.</p>	
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	<p>Dover Outreach Centre - £10,000 Grant towards Winter Shelter costs</p> <p>Dover Rugby Club - £12,000 For ground maintenance at Crabble Athletic Ground</p> <p>Victoria Bowls - £1,000 Contribution to running expenses of the club</p> <p>Dover Bowling Club - £4,000 Grant towards ground maintenance at Dover Bowling Green.</p> <p>Dover Citizens' Advice Bureau - £102,000 Core funding grant including £10,000 from Housing Revenue Account, plus £3,500 service charge contribution and £1,500 for other potential services</p> <p>Neighbourhood Forums - £22,500 Grant to support voluntary and community organisations</p> <p>Deal Town Council - £5,000 Astor Theatre grant</p> <p>Action with Communities in Rural Kent - £3,500 Contribution to rural housing</p> <p>(iii) That, subject to Council's approval of the Capital and Project Programme, the refuse and recycling vehicle capital project be approved.</p> <p>(iv) That the various Cabinet recommendations produced at the end of the sections within the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP), summarised in Annex 10 to Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.</p>			
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(b) It was agreed that it be recommended to Council:

i) That the General Fund Revenue budget, the Capital and Special Projects Programmes, the Housing Revenue Account budget, the Council Tax Resolution and the content of the MTFP be approved.

(ii) That the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Digital, be authorised to:

Draw on the Council's earmarked reserves to fund the 2021/22 budget as required;

Apply new burdens funding as intended by Government;

Take any surplus 2020/21 new burdens funding and 'non-earmarked' funding into earmarked reserves to support the General Fund budget and to apply them in 2021/22.

(iii) That a Council Tax increase of 2.6% for Dover District Council (DDC) purposes be approved, resulting in an increase on Band D properties of £4.95 per year and an annual DDC Council Tax of £197.19.

(iv) To note that it is the view of the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) & Section 151 Officer, having due regard to the circumstances and the range of uncertainties, that the budget has been prepared in an appropriate and prudent manner and that, as far as can be determined, and based upon the information available at the time of producing the report, the estimates are robust and the resources are adequate for the Council's spending plans in 2021/22.

	(v) That the various Council recommendations at the end of the sections within the attached Budget and MTFP, summarised in Annex 10 to Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.			
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CAB 99 01.03.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 9 March 2021	<u>PERFORMANCE REPORT - THIRD QUARTER 2020/21</u> It was agreed that the Council's Performance Report and Actions for the Third Quarter 2020/21 be noted.	None.	Monitoring the Council's performance against key objectives is essential to the achievement of those aims and objectives. The Performance Report provides a summary of the Council's performance for the nine months to 31 December 2020.	
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CAB 100 01.03.21 Open Key Decisions No	<u>HOUSING STOCK COMPLIANCE</u> It was agreed that the contents of the report, which relates to statutory Health & Safety compliance matters associated with managing the housing stock, as well as the actions being taken to verify the accuracy of the compliance data, be approved.	None.	To update Cabinet on the current position in relation to the compliance status of the Council's housing	

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CAB 101 01.03.21 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date Immediate	<u>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</u> That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the press and the public be excluded during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.	None.		
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CAB 102 01.03.21 Exempt Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply	<u>FUTURE OF CO-INNOVATION CENTRE (FORMER CO-OP STORE), CASTLE STREET, DOVER</u> It was agreed: (a) That the lease arrangements for the Co-Innovation site should not be continued beyond 22 August 2021.	None.	Since December 2018 the former Co-op store at Castle Street, Dover has been used on a temporary basis for community and	

<p>Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date</p> <p>9 March 2021</p>	<p>(b) That the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial) be authorised to invite tenders and award a contract for the demolition of the building.</p> <p>(c) That market opportunities and expressions of interest for the permanent use of the site be considered; and</p> <p>(d) Arrangements for an interim use of the cleared site pending a permanent use be prepared, should this be necessary.</p>		<p>business start-up projects.</p> <p>Approval is now sought from Cabinet to end the current lease arrangements and commence procedures for the demolition of the building and finding a permanent, commercially beneficial use for the site as envisaged when it was acquired.</p>	
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The meeting ended at 11.37 am.