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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

CABINET: RECORD OF DECISIONS

Please find attached the Record of Decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday, 13 January 2025. Unless otherwise indicated within the schedule, these decisions may be called in for scrutiny, provided notice is given to me in writing by **10.00am on 21 January 2025**.

The call-in procedures are set out at paragraph 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules. Call-in may be activated by the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Controlling Group Spokesperson of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any three non-executive Members. The reasons for calling in an item must be given.

Yours sincerely

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Kate Batty-Smith
Democratic Services Officer

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Record of the decisions of the meeting of the **CABINET** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 13 January 2025 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Chairman: Councillor K Mills

Councillors: J L Pout
E A Biggs
S B Blair
C D Zosseder

Also Present: Councillor T J Bartlett
Councillor M Bates
Councillor D R Friend
Councillor N S Kenton
Councillor O C de R Richardson
Councillor C A Vinson

Officers: Chief Executive
Strategic Director (Corporate and Regulatory)
Strategic Director (Finance and Housing)
Strategic Director (Place and Environment)
Head of Housing
Head of Place and Growth
Strategic Project Manager
Project Manager
Development Officer
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 69 13.1.25 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 21 January 2025	<u>APOLOGIES</u> It was noted that an apology for absence had been received from Councillor P M Brivio.	None.	To note any apologies for absence.	

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 70 13.1.25 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Councillor E A Biggs declared an Other Significant Interest in Agenda Item 7 (Appointment of Professional Consultants for Proposed Redevelopment of Albany Place Car Park, Dover for Affordable Housing) by reason that he was the Chairman of Municipal Charities of Dover, an outside body to which he had been appointed by the Council, which had an interest in acquiring some of the car park land.	None.	To note any declarations of interest.	

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CAB 71 13.1.25 Open Key Decisions No Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date 21 January 2025	<u>RECORD OF DECISIONS</u> It was agreed that the decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 2 December 2024, as detailed in decision numbers CAB 59 to CAB 68, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	None.	Cabinet is required to approve the Record of Decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 2 December 2024.	

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CAB 72 13.1.25 Open Key Decisions Yes Call-in to apply Yes Implementation Date	<u>TIDES LEISURE CENTRE</u> It was agreed: (a) That proceeding to RIBA Stage 3 and 4 development of the six-lane pool option, funded by up to £1,068,000 already included in the capital programme funding, be approved. (b) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Place and Environment), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property, to take all necessary steps to progress RIBA Stage 3 and 4, including tendering the contract to	None.	Cabinet is required to make decisions on the preferred facilities mix of the new Deal Leisure Centre (the recommended option is a six-lane swimming pool) and how it will be managed once built. Following	

21 January 2025	<p>manage the new Deal Leisure Centre.</p> <p>(c) That the separate report on the review of interim operating arrangements for Tides, and their costs, during construction work be noted.</p>		<p>approval, the project will progress to RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) Stages 3 and 4 of development, and the contract for the management of the new centre from January 2026 will be tendered.</p>	
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<p>CAB 73 13.1.25 Open</p> <p>Key Decisions No</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date Immediate</p>	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p>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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	None.		

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<p>CAB 74 13.1.25 Exempt</p> <p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 21 January 2025</p>	<p><u>TIDES LEISURE CENTRE - REVIEW OF INTERIM OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the review of options to continue interim operations at Tides Leisure Centre be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the temporary closure of all facilities for nine months from 1 April 2025, until a new operator is appointed following a competitive tender process, be approved.</p>	<p>All four options presented to Cabinet included the temporary closure of the swimming-pool and gym from 1 April 2025.</p> <p>The three other options considered by Cabinet were:</p> <p>Option 1 (Indoor Tennis Court and sports hall remain open, operated by Your Leisure)</p> <p>Option 2 (Indoor Tennis Court and sports hall remain open, operated by Places Leisure)</p> <p>Option 3 (Indoor Tennis Court and sports hall remain open, operated by Dover & Deal Park Tennis CIC)</p>	<p>The current lease with Your Leisure which manages Tides Leisure Centre will expire on 31 March 2025.</p> <p>On the basis that the swimming-pool and gym will close from 1 April 2025 due to the poor condition of the building, Cabinet is required to consider whether the sports hall and indoor tennis centre should remain open until a new operator contract commences in January 2026.</p> <p>The report recommendation to close all facilities is based on the substantial cost and resource required to provide a limited interim service, as well as the impact this</p>	
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			<p>expenditure could have on the overall long-term delivery of the project.</p> <p>A displacement action plan is being developed to help signpost users to other temporary facilities until January 2026.</p>	
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<p>CAB 75 13.1.25 Exempt</p> <p>Key Decisions Yes</p> <p>Call-in to apply Yes</p> <p>Implementation Date 21 January 2025</p>	<p><u>APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS FOR PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF ALBANY PLACE CAR PARK, DOVER FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the appointment of professional design consultants to investigate the redevelopment potential of the site known as Albany Place car park, up to detailed planning submission, providing that the budget for professional services does not exceed £105,500, be approved.</p> <p>(b) That the Strategic Director (Finance and Housing) be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education, to take the necessary decisions and actions in progressing the project to construct the properties including (but not limited to) appointing any necessary professional advisers.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The Council's Parking Strategy has identified that Albany Place car park is under-used and could be closed with no adverse effect on the town centre's car parking stock.</p> <p>As a result, and in support of the Council's aim of delivering more affordable housing, it is recommended that consultants be</p>	<p>Councillor E A Biggs declared an Other Significant Interest in this item by reason that he is the Chairman of Municipal Charities of Dover which has an interest in the land and left the Chamber during consideration of the item.</p>

			appointed to explore the feasibility of developing the site for affordable housing.	
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The meeting ended at 6.42 pm