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Record of the decisions of the meeting of the **CABINET** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 4 April 2022 at 11.00 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor T J Bartlett

Councillors: M Bates  
N S Kenton  
D P Murphy

Also Present: Councillor E A Biggs  
Councillor P M Brivio  
Councillor D R Friend  
Councillor K Mills  
Councillor H M Williams

Officers: Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)  
Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial)  
Solicitor to the Council  
Head of Finance and Investment  
Head of Investment, Growth and Tourism  
Head of Leadership Support  
Major Projects and Programme Manager  
Strategic Housing Manager  
Project Manager  
Project 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 94 4.4.22 Open  <b>Key Decision</b> No  <b>Call-in to apply</b> Yes  <b>Implementation Date</b> 12 April 2022	<u>APOLOGIES</u>  It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors C A Vinson and O C de R Richardson.	None.	To note any apologies for absence.	
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CAB 95 4.4.22 Open  <b>Key Decision</b> No  <b>Call-in to apply</b> Yes  <b>Implementation Date</b> 12 April 2022	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>  There were no declarations of interest.	None.	To note any declarations of interest.	

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<p>CAB 96 4.4.22 Open</p> <p><b>Key Decision</b> No</p> <p><b>Call-in to apply</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Implementation Date</b> 12 April 2022</p>	<p><u>RECORD OF DECISIONS</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the decisions of the meeting held on 7 March 2022, as detailed in decision numbers CAB 88 to CAB 93, 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 7 March 2022.</p>	
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<p>CAB 97 4.4.22 Open</p> <p><b>Key Decision</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Call-in to apply</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Implementation Date</b> 12 April 2022</p>	<p><u>APPROPRIATION OF ASSETS - LAND AT POULTON CLOSE, ST RADIGUND'S, DOVER</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the property currently held for the purposes of Section 120 of the Local Government Act 1972 be appropriated for the purposes of Part II of the Housing Act 1985 pursuant to Section 19 (1) of the Housing Act 1985.</p> <p>(b) That the relevant accounting transactions be undertaken during the 2022/23 financial year to reflect the appropriation of assets from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account.</p> <p>(c) That the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial) be</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>A project to provide 24 units of interim housing on a site at Poulton Close, Dover has progressed to a stage where there is certainty around delivery. Cabinet is now requested to approve the appropriation of the land in question, currently held for the purposes of</p>	

	authorised to approve the precise areas of land to be appropriated and to make the appropriation.		Section 120 of the Local Government Act 1972, to be held for the purposes of Part II of the Housing Act 1985.	
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CAB 98 4.4.22 Open  <b>Key Decision</b> No  <b>Call-in to apply</b> Yes  <b>Implementation Date</b> 12 April 2022	<u>PERFORMANCE REPORT - THIRD QUARTER 2021/22</u>  That the Council's Performance Report and Actions for the Third Quarter 2021/22 be noted.	None.	Monitoring the Council's performance against key objectives is essential to the achievement of those aims and objectives. This Performance Report provides a summary of the Council's performance for the period October to December 2021.	
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CAB 99 4.4.22 Open	<u>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</u>  That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities	None.		

<p><b>Key Decision</b> No</p> <p><b>Call-in to apply</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Implementation Date</b> Immediate</p>	<p>(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>			
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<p>CAB 100 4.4.22 Exempt</p> <p><b>Key Decision</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Call-in to apply</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Implementation Date</b> 12 April 2022</p>	<p><u>FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial) be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise arrangements for land assembly and the purchase of the property at Bench Street, as shown in Appendix 3, at a cost of £2 million, as well as the privately owned property at 9 Bench Street at a cost of circa £270,000.</p> <p>(b) That the allocation of £2.5 million of the approved £3 million Town Centre Regeneration and Historic Buildings project budget to finance the land assembly purchases and associated costs be approved.</p> <p>(c) That the Council enters into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for the financial year 2022/23.</p> <p>(d) That the location of the proposed creative centre at Bench Street be approved, and the Strategic Director (Operations and</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>In July 2021 Cabinet accepted a grant of £3.2 million from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to support the delivery of two town centre regeneration projects comprising a new creative centre and improvements to the underpass beneath the A20.</p> <p>Cabinet approval is sought to finalise land and property</p>	

	<p>Commercial) be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to negotiate with the DLUHC regarding the specification of the proposed creative centre with the objective of securing approval for an increase in the building footprint to incorporate the site of 15 Bench Street, noting that the budget implications are not yet fully identified.</p> <p>(e) That the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial) be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to investigate provision of an at-grade crossing over the A20 in parallel with continuing to progress plans for renovations to the underpass and, if appropriate, to negotiate with the DLUHC regarding the reallocation of funding to provide an at-grade crossing.</p>		<p>purchases and to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the DLUHC for an extension of, and changes to, the project programme.</p>	
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<p>CAB 101 4.4.22 Exempt</p> <p><b>Key Decision</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Call-in to apply</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Implementation Date</b> 12 April 2022</p>	<p><u>REDEVELOPMENT OF STEM BROOK CAR PARK AND FORMER CO-OP BUILDING, DOVER</u></p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <p>(a) That the action taken by the Council since the acquisition of the former Co-op building be noted.</p> <p>(b) That support to progress options for the development of a new large, high-quality international brand hotel, with additional commercial opportunities and accompanying strategic car parking, on the site of the former Co-op and Stembrook car park site in Dover town centre, be approved.</p> <p>(c) That the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial) be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to take the necessary decisions and actions required to take the project</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>In April 2018 the Council purchased the freehold of the former Co-op building and Stembrook car park in Dover town centre in recognition of its strategic location and potential to support the regeneration of Dover town centre.</p> <p>Cabinet approval is sought to progress</p>	

	<p>forward to the next stage of delivery including the procurement and identification of a preferred development partner.</p> <p>(d) That the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial) be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to procure and deliver the Dover Place Plan Project (including stakeholder engagement and consultation), and a supporting Dover Strategic Parking Strategy.</p> <p>(e) That the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial) be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to take the necessary decisions and actions to deliver suitable interim use of the site, subject to financial appraisals to deliver a viable and funded scheme.</p> <p>(f) That the establishment of a politically balanced Redevelopment of Stembrook Project Advisory Group (to be chaired by the Leader of the Council), to provide advice, support, oversight and control to the project, be approved.</p>		<p>proposals to develop the site with a high-quality, branded hotel and car parking.</p>	
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The meeting ended at 11.16 am.