

LEAD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 11 October 2022 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Councillor Stephen Shing spoke on item 9 (see minute 46)

38. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

38.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2022.

39. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

39.1 There were none.

40. URGENT ITEMS

40.1 There were no urgent items.

41. REPORTS

41.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

42. ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

42.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

42.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

(1) Review and approve the County Council's adoption of the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

(2) Delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to review the policy annually and update it in light of relevant changes, to ensure the policy remains fit for purpose.

REASONS

42.3 The Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy set out in Appendix 1 of the report aims to improve the environmental considerations built into the core delivery of goods, works and services that the Council procures.

42.4 Having declared a climate emergency and published both the East Sussex Environment Strategy and the Climate Emergency Plan, this policy supports the net zero targets of the Council and will aim to embed environmental sustainability, such as increases to East Sussex's biodiversity and reducing waste, into procurement decisions.

42.5 This policy will prepare prospective suppliers for the environmental considerations and expectations that will be implemented into the Council's future contracts.

42.6 Increasing environmental considerations across the Council's procurement activity presents a significant opportunity to influence a reduction in carbon emissions across the Council's services.

43. 1 SOUTHVIEW CLOSE, CROWBOROUGH AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO IT

43.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

43.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

1) declare property known as 1 Southview Close and adjacent access road (the Property) surplus to requirements;

2) approve the disposal of the Property; and

3) delegate to the Chief Operating Officer to review offers received following the marketing of the property and approve a preferred purchaser to secure best value in accordance with s123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

REASONS

43.3 The property is no longer required for East Sussex County Council operational purposes.

43.4 Disposal of the property will reduce cost and liability and to achieve a capital receipt. The capital receipt will be used to fund the existing 10- year capital programme, therefore reducing the requirement to borrow.

44. BEACONGATE AND THE GABLES, CROWBOROUGH

44.1 The lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

DECISIONS

44.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

- 1) declare surplus to requirements two properties known as Beacongate and The Gables (the properties);
- 2) approve the disposal of the Properties; and
- 3) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer in consultation with NHS England to (a) review the bids for the Property following the marketing exercise, and (b) to make an analysis of the bids and select a preferred purchaser to support best value in accordance with s123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

REASONS

44.3 The properties are no longer required for ESCC operational purposes.

44.4 Marketing and disposal of the property will meet the requirements of the Capital Grant Agreement and provide capital receipt for NHS projects, whilst minimising any ongoing maintenance and revenue implications connected with the Properties.

45. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

45.1 It was RESOLVED to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda items on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraphs 1 or 4 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to any individual or information relating to any consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

46. PROVISION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CORONER'S SERVICE FOR THE EAST
SUSSEX AREA

46.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive.

DECISIONS

46.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report, for the reasons set out in the report. The decision and reasons are set out in an exempt minute.