

CABINET

Date 15 January 2025

STATEMENT OF CABINET DECISIONS

NOTE: No action can be taken on the following items until the 7th working day after the meeting. If an item is called in, Heads of Service will be contacted by the Democratic Services Manager.

This is a Statement in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Agenda No.	Recommended /Resolved	Decision	Officer to take action/author
6		<u>Recommendations of the Audit Committee</u>	Head of Finance and Revenues
	Resolved	That the updated Risk Management Strategy, as presented in the Annex to the report, be approved.	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
8		<u>Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26</u>	Head of Finance and Revenues
	Recommended	1. That the Council Tax Support scheme for 2025/26, as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be approved. 2. That the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship scheme, as shown in Annex 2 to the report, be approved. 3. That the Head of Finance and Revenues, in consultation with the	

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		<p>Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Scheme that are required by the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations 2025 when they are confirmed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.</p> <p>4. In the event that any new government initiatives are introduced that result in receipt of a grant or an increase in Universal Credit or other government benefits, that the Head of Finance and Revenues, in consultation with the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder, be authorised to disregard these awards as income in accordance with government guidelines.</p> <p>5. That the Council continues to exercise its discretion to disregard income from war widow pensions in the calculation of Council Tax Support entitlement for pension age recipients.</p>	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
9		<u>2025/26 Budget Process Update</u>	Head of Finance and Revenues
	Resolved	<p>1. That the savings options, income generation proposals and budget pressures, shown in Annexes 1 and 2 of the report, be noted.</p> <p>2. That the Medium-Term Financial</p>	

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		Forecast, shown in Annex 3 of the report, be noted.	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
10		<u>Digital Strategy 2025 - 2029</u>	Head of Strategy and Innovation
	Resolved	That the Digital Strategy, attached as an Annex to the report, be approved.	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
11		<u>New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreation Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document</u>	
	Resolved/Recommended	<u>Resolved:</u> 1. That the New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreation Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), appended as	

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		<p>Annex 1, be adopted and replace the New Forest SPA Mitigation – Interim Framework (2014).</p> <p>2. That the Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder, to make changes of a minor nature to the SPD prior to publication.</p>	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
12		<u>Introduction of Weekly Food Waste Collection Service</u>	Head of Environmental Services
	Recommended	<p>1. That a weekly kerbside food waste collection service be introduced, boroughwide from Monday 13 October 2025.</p> <p>2. That the revenue costs be funded as set out in paragraph 8 of the report.</p>	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	<p>Councillor Adams-King declared a personal interest as Hampshire County Council Cabinet Member.</p> <p>Councillor Kirsty North declared a personal interest as a Hampshire County Council Cabinet</p>	

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		Member and Executive Lead Member for Universal Services.	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
13		<u>Appointment to South East Councils</u>	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
	Resolved	That Councillor Phil North be appointed to South East Councils in addition to Councillor Adams-King.	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	Councillor Adams-King declared a personal interest as a Test Valley Borough Councillor currently appointed to South East Councils. Councillor Phil North declared a personal interest as a prospective appointee from Test Valley Borough Councillor to South East Councils.	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
14		<u>Councillor Champions</u>	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
	Resolved	That the Councillor, as set out below, be appointed to the following Councillor Champion role: Culture Councillor S Hasselmann	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared	Councillor Drew noted that he was a Trustee of	

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	conflicts of interest	Test Valley Arts Foundation and a Trustee of Chapel Arts Studio.	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	

Should any member wish to call in any of the decisions listed above please write to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by noon on the 6th working day following the day of the meeting (Thursday 23rd January 2025).