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(Some reports may involve the disclosure of exempt information. If the Council wishes to debate them, for each individual case the Council will need to adopt a suitable motion).

**8.1 To receive the minutes of the following meetings:**

- 8.1.1 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 March 2019
- 8.1.2 Northern Area Planning Committee – 28 March 2019
- 8.1.3 Southern Area Planning Committee – 2 April 2019
- 8.1.4 General Purposes Committee – 17 April 2019
- 8.1.5 Cabinet – 17 April 2019
- 8.1.6 Northern Area Planning Committee – 18 April 2019
- 8.1.7 Southern Area Planning Committee – 23 April 2019
- 8.1.8 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 24 April 2019
- 8.1.9 Planning Control Committee – 30 April 2019
- 8.1.10 Northern Area Planning Committee – 16 May 2019
- 8.1.11 General Purposes – 20 May 2019
- 8.1.12 Cabinet – 20 May 2019
- 8.1.13 Overview & Scrutiny Committee 22 May 2019
- 8.1.14 Northern Area Planning Committee – 30 May 2019
- 8.1.15 Southern Area Planning Committee – 4 June 2019
- 8.1.16 Cabinet – 12 June 2019
- 8.1.17 Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 19 June 2019
- 8.1.18 Northern Area Planning Committee – 20 June 2019
- 8.1.19 Southern Area Planning Committee – 25 June 2019

(Note: in relation to 8.1.16, 8.1.17, 8.1.18, and 8.1.19 these minutes are not included in the minute book and will be presented at the next Council meeting but members are able to ask questions on resolved items.)

**8.2 To adopt recommendations from the following:**

**8.2.1 Cabinet – 17 April 2019**

**8.2.1.1 Social Inclusion Services Review (APPENDIX A)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing and Environmental Health Portfolio Holder. The County Council had completed a review of Social Inclusion Services on 5 December 2018, and approved recommendations which would deliver a £1.8m reduction in HCC spending on Social Inclusion Services from 1 August 2019. The report set out services that would be impacted by the County Council's recent decision, and considered options for Test Valley in the context of forthcoming changes.

The funding changes approved by the County Council would have significant implications for Test Valley. Since the commencement of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 in April 2018, the Council had been under a significantly increased range of statutory duties associated with the provision of housing advice and homelessness services, and had experienced significantly increased demand for housing advice and support over the past financial year.

The recommendations within the report were intended to meet locally identified priorities and maintain strong partnership arrangements in the interests of meeting the needs of vulnerable people in our communities. This could be achieved through the adoption of a costed approach to investment using existing service budget and ring-fenced government grants.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

**Recommended:**

- 1. That Cabinet note the outcome of the Hampshire County Council "Transformation to 2019" (T19) review of Social Inclusion Services.**
- 2. That Cabinet note the impact of these changes on local services and consider them in the context of the Council's wider work to prevent and relieve homelessness.**
- 3. That the recommended Option 3 be approved as set out in paragraph 5.17 of the report.**

4. **That any items shown in Annex 2 to the report, which are unspent by 31 March 2020, be approved for carry forward into the 2020/21 revenue budget.**

8.2.1.2 Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) Private Rented Sector Access Fund & Future Homelessness Funding Rounds (APPENDIX B)

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing and Environment Health Portfolio Holder which set out the content of the successful bid and MHCLG expectations associated with the funding. Cabinet were asked to consider recommendations that would not only facilitate the delivery of the Private Rented Sector Access Fund Project, but would also ensure internal processes could accommodate rapid mobilisation of new funding achieved in this context.

The recommendations in the report would support the Council to meet its legal duties to prevent and relieve homelessness, and further built on the Council's recent innovations in the way it delivered services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

MHCLG funding rounds required urgent participation and rapid mobilisation. The report provided detail associated with a specific project yet its recommendations sought to ensure that the Council was well placed to submit further ambitious funding bids and to deliver on those bids in future, by ensuring the right delegated power was in place.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

**Recommended**

1. **That monies received from this and any future successful bids be transferred to the Homelessness Reserve, and the Head of Housing & Environmental Health, in consultation with the Housing & Environmental Health Portfolio Holder and the Head of Finance, be given delegated authority to draw from this reserve to deliver specific projects where funding is awarded by MHCLG for this purpose.**