

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Report Title	Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet at the on 16 January 2019		
Key Decision			Item No. 6
Ward	All		
Contributors	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date: 29 January 2019	

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 16 January 2019 which will come in to force on 30 January 2019.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decisions on 16 January 2019.

2.2 The notice of the decisions made in respect of the report is attached as an Appendix. Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If this report is not called in they will come into force on 30 January 2019

- i. Council Tax Base 2019-20
- ii. Perry Vale and the Christmas Estate Conservation Area, Appraisal, and Article 4 Direction (SPD)
- iii. Article 4 Direction to withdraw permitted development rights for the change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to small HMO's (Use Class 4)
- iv. Gambling Statement
- v. Housing Assistance Policy
- vi. Main Grants Programme Disability Coalition



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on 16 January 2019. These decisions will become effective on 30 January 2019 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 29 January 2019.

1. Setting the Council Tax Base, the NNDR Tax Base & Discounts for Second Homes and Empty Homes

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the non-voting job share Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, and a member of the public, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

- (1) the Council Tax Base calculation for 2019/20, as set out in the annual Council Tax Base government return, attached at Appendix A be noted;
- (2) Council be recommended to agree a Council Tax Base of 88,405.1 Band D equivalent properties for 2019/20;
- (3) Council be recommended to agree a budgeted Council Tax collection rate of 97.0%;
- (4) Council be recommended to approve the continuation of the discretionary Council Tax discount of 100% for care leavers up to the age of 25;
- (5) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 0% discount for second homes for 2018/19 be continued for 2019/20;
- (6) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 0% discount for empty homes Class A (an empty property undergoing structural alteration or major repair to make it habitable) be continued, as set out in section six of this report;
- (7) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 100% discount awarded for a period of four weeks and then a 0% discount thereafter, for empty homes – Class C (a substantially empty and unfurnished property) be continued;

(8) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of an empty homes premium in respect of long term empty properties is increased to 100%, as set out in section six of this report;

(9) the proposed 2019/20 National Non Domestic Rate (NNDR) estimated net yield of £67.4m, based on current information available, be noted;

(10) Council be recommended to agree to delegate the approval of the final 2019/20 NNDR1 form to the Interim S151 Officer for submission by the deadline of 31st January 2019.

2. Perry Vale and the Christmas Estate Conservation Area, Appraisal, and Article 4 direction (SPD)

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the Perry Vale and Christmas Estate conservation area be designated;

(2) Adopt the Conservation Area Appraisal (Appendix 1) be adopted, and;

(3) The making of a non immediate Article 4 Direction to the residential streets within the proposed conservation area (Appendix 3) be approved.

3. Article 4 Direction for Lewisham's southern wards of Bellingham, Downham, Whitefoot and Grove Park to withdraw permitted development rights for the change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to small HMO's (Use Class C4)

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the making of a non-immediate Article 4 Direction for Lewisham's southern wards of Bellingham, Downham, Whitefoot and Grove Park to withdraw permitted development rights for the change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to small HMO's (Use Class C4) be approved with such direction to come into force 12 months after notice of the direction is published;

(2) officers be authorised to carry out consultation as set out Section 6; and

(3) the financial and legal implications of making the Article 4 Direction be noted.

4. Review of Statutory Gambling Statement of Principles

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the Gambling Statement of principles for 2019-2022 should be presented to the Council for it to be formally determined and published.

5. Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the changes to the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy be approved;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to make minor amendments to the Housing Assistance Policy.

6. Main Grants –Lewisham Disability Coalition

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for the Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the Main Grant to Lewisham Disability Coalition be discontinued from 1 January 2019 and the delegation of decision making responsibility in relation to LDC's winding-up costs be made to the Executive Director for Community Services.

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