

**Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 22 June 2022**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A6</b>	The Homelessness Prevention Grant/Homes for Ukraine Programme - Spending Plan 2022/23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That homelessness prevention grants 2022-23 onwards are funded from the annual homelessness prevention grant award the Council receives from central government.</li> <li>2. That the award of homelessness prevention grants to voluntary and community organisations for 2022-23 be approved as set out in report CAB3340.</li> <li>3. That the spending plan for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme be approved.</li> </ol>	<p>The Council has recently had confirmation of two significant grants to support its work on homelessness prevention and the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Report CAB3340 sets out and seeks approval for the proposed spending plans for both schemes.</p> <p>The Council spends over £660k per annum on Homelessness Prevention from its core General Fund budget and invests more per head of population on this important work than other Hampshire councils. To supplement this work and support the delivery of a key Government priority, the</p>	<p>This is an urgent response to the war in Ukraine and the council needs to retain flexibility on how the funding is allocated to be able to respond to change in need.</p> <p>Consideration has been given to commissioning of services / activities however, given the urgency and nature of the provision we feel that there is not the timeframe to undertake this within the timescales.</p>
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		<p>4. That authority be delegated to the Service lead for Strategic Housing and the Service lead of Communities and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Housing, to be able to amend and extend the spending plan as the council respond to the needs and requirements in respect of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.</p>	<p>Council has now received the 2022/23 Homeless Prevention Grant (HPG) of £308,247 allocated by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). The grant enables local authorities to further control and flexibility in managing homelessness pressures and supporting those who are at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>In addition, Hampshire County Council has confirmed that a proportion of the central Government allocation per refugee for the Homes for Ukraine scheme will be allocated to district councils to fund housing related services and community support activities for Ukrainian guests. With Winchester hosts welcoming</p>	

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			<p>the highest number of guests across Hampshire 459, this will result in a minimum of £740,880 being allocated to the City Council in 2022/23 (this will increase as and when more guests arrive in the area). With demands on council services already increasing, the immediate need to provide direct support to guests as they arrive in the area and the community support hub in Winchester already established, approval for spending proposals is required to help fund this work and to commit the allocation awarded to the Council.</p>	
<b>A7</b>	Winchester Business Improvement District ballot 2022	1. That the principle of a Winchester BID Ballot on 3 November 2022 to	Report CAB3348 notifies the council of the official request from Winchester City Centre	The option not to support the BID proposal, and exercise those votes against the

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		<p>determine whether there will be a fourth Winchester BID for the area covered in the BID Area Map (Appendix 1 of CAB3348) be supported.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to a Strategic Director to exercise the ballot votes in support of the BID in respect of city council properties in the BID area;</p> <p>3. That the financial implication associated with the Winchester BID in respect of running the ballot; ongoing levy collection and paying the BID levy be noted as set out in section 2 of report CAB3348.</p> <p>4. That authority be</p>	<p>Partnership to ballot for a fourth term of the Winchester Business Improvement District. The official letter was sent to the Secretary of State on 16 May 2022 giving the required “84 days notification required of the intention to request the billing authority to put the BID proposal to ballot”. The BID ballot day is 3 November 2022.</p> <p>This request places obligations on the city council to run the ballot and collect the BID levy if the vote is successful in securing an additional term. The council will also be liable to pay the BID levy on its property within the BID area. As a property owner the council has the right to vote on the proposals in the ballot, the</p>	<p>proposal was rejected. Should the BID Ballot be unsuccessful the BID would cease trading as of 31 March 2023. This will mean the projects and initiatives that would have been delivered in the next term could not happen.</p>

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		<p>delegated to the Corporate Head of Economy &amp; Community, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business and Culture, to provide comment on the Winchester BID Draft Business Plan (Appendix 2 of CAB3348), noting that it had been positively received by members of the Winchester Town Forum at its meeting on 16 June 2022.</p> <p>5. That Winchester BID be informed that the services set out in the Winchester BID Baseline Statements 2023-2028 (Appendix 3 of CAB3348) may be subject to review through the annual council budget setting process and the BID will be consulted on</p>	<p>detail of which is given in the report.</p> <p>The Winchester BID has been managed and operated effectively for the past three terms and is well regarded within the network of BIDs across England. Through the funds raised by the levy it generates additional capacity and resources to those of the council to ensure Winchester city centre is well maintained and safe, businesses are supported and informed and the place is promoted to residents and visitors. The BID works closely with the city council on these mutual areas of interest and over the years this has developed into a constructive partnership relationship.</p>	

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		any change arising throughout the life of the BID term 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2028.		
<b>A8</b>	Open space land disposal at Wellington Park, Newlands	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it be noted that no objections were received as a result of the notice publicising the intention to dispose of the public open space as required by s123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.</li> <li>2. That the disposal of open space at Wellington Park, Newlands be agreed to Newlands Parish Council, identified edged red on the Plan ['Winchester Transfer Areas' 1S1194/WTA1, 09/03/17] at Appendix (i) of CAB3346.</li> <li>3. That the transfer of the open space maintenance</li> </ol>	To obtain approval for the transfer of 16 hectares of public open space at Wellington Park, Newlands from Winchester City Council to Newlands Parish Council together with the maintenance sum, currently at £1.4m which was provided by the developer as part of the s106 agreement.	<p>The alternative option is that the council retains management of the open space rather than it being transferred to the parish council. This has been discounted for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Whilst the council has an effective grounds maintenance contract, it does not allow for local variation and/or subtlety of management. This can be more readily achieved when land is managed by local people for local people.</li> <li>b) The council is no longer the default recipient or</li> </ol>

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		<p>sum (currently £1,457,764.96) to Newlands Parish Council be agreed, and authority be delegated to the S151 officer to confirm the final sum at the point of transfer.</p> <p>4. That the Service Lead Legal be authorised to prepare all transfers/agreements necessary to implement the recommendations above.</p>		<p>transferee of new residential on-site open spaces, where those open spaces could be more appropriately managed by a local parish council or a resident management company.</p> <p>c) Allowing local people to have a more direct say in how their open space is managed engenders a better sense of ownership and responsibility and reduces issues such as anti-social behaviour and vandalism.</p> <p>d) The existing commuted sum is sufficient to help support the management of the site for the foreseeable future but there will be a need to use local precept at some point to sustain effective management of the site.</p>

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