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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET
3 OCTOBER 2023**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on xxx and will come into force and may be implemented on 12 October 2023 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **11 October 2023**.

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

6 DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT POLICY

That the current policy be reapproved, and the next review be set for September 2026.

Reason for the decision

The Policy was last considered by Cabinet in June 2019 and although no changes have been made or new duties placed upon the scheme with the policy remaining correct. The Policy has been brought back to cabinet to provide an update and ensure that the policy remains reviewed on a regular basis in order to deliver this important financial support.

7 DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & INCLUSION STRATEGY

- (a) That the final version of the Digital Infrastructure and Inclusion Strategy and delivery plan appended to the report of Cabinet 3 October 2023, be adopted.
- (b) That, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Corporate Development and Transformation and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy, authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Development to identify an appropriate source of funding up to £374,000 per annum from the options identified on paragraph 3.11 (Cabinet 3 October 2023) for the implementation of the Digital Infrastructure and Inclusion Strategy.

Reason for the decision

To support delivery of the Council Plan priority of driving economic prosperity and the cabinet commitment of digital innovation.

8 LEVELLING-UP AND REGENERATION BILL: CONSULTATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN-MAKING REFORMS - PROPOSED RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

That the full response to the consultation questions, as set out in the Appendix to the Cabinet report of 3 October 2023, be sent to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

The response welcomes the proposed amendments that simplify the plan making process but expresses concern over the tight timetable for the preparation of a new style local plan.

Reason for the decision

To enable the Council to influence the changes to the local plan making process being proposed by Government.

9 BLANDFORD + NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW 2011 - 2033

- (a) That the Council makes the modified Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011 – 2023 (as set out in Appendix A of the Cabinet report to 3 October 2023) part of the statutory development plan for the Blandford + Neighbourhood Area.

- (b) That the Council offers its congratulations to Blandford Forum Town Council, Blandford St Mary Parish Council, Bryanston Parish Council, and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group in producing a successful neighbourhood plan review.

Reason for the decision

To formally make the modified neighbourhood plan part of the statutory development plan for the Blandford + Neighbourhood Area. In addition, to recognise the significant amount of work undertaken by the Town and Parish Councils and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group in preparing the plan review and to congratulate the Councils and the Group on their success.

10 OFSTED REGULATION OF SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION FOR 16-17 YEAR OLDS - RECOMMENDATION FROM PEOPLE & HEALTH OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

That the approach to Ofsted regulation of supported accommodation for 16- and 17-year-olds be adopted.

Reason for the decision

To ensure compliance with the latest legislation and any subsequent regulation/statutory guidance.