



CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2020

DECISIONS

PRESENT:	Councillor Nunn (Chair); Councillor Larratt (Deputy Chair); Councillors Eldred, Hibbert, Hallam, Hadland
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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 19 August 2020. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

These decisions will come into force and then may be implemented on the expiry of three working days after the publication of this list.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Ed Bostock, ext 7722.

THIS LIST OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED:	<u>THURSDAY 20th AUGUST 2020</u>
DATE OF EXPIRY OF CALL IN:	<u>TUESDAY 25th AUGUST 2020 AT 17:00 HOURS</u>

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests: None
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7. FINANCE MONITORING TO 30 JUNE 2020

Cabinet:

- 2.1 Noted the contents of the report and noted that future reports will set out the actions being taken by Corporate Management Board (CMB) to address issues arising.
- 2.2 Supported a request being made to Council in September 2020, to further increase the HRA Budget funded through borrowing by £50m.

Agenda Item No	Declaration/Conflict of Interests:
	None

8. HOUSING ACQUISITION OPTIONS

Cabinet:

- (a) Noted the outcome of the housing acquisitions pilot and the lessons learned;
- (b) Approved the extension of this scheme to acquire more homes;
- (c) Approved the expansion of this scheme to include homes that will meet the needs of people who have been sleeping rough and are rehoused through the Government's rough sleeping move-on initiatives;
- (d) Approved the expansion of this scheme to include any suitable homes (not just those that were previously owned by the Council) and noted that the acquisition of blocks of similar homes can reduce the maintenance cost risks;
- (e) Agreed that, although this scheme will continue to utilise a Target Operating Model which is based on agreed formulae and ceilings on purchase and repair costs, the acquisition of homes to meet specialist requirements may be approved by the Director of Housing and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Northampton Partnership Homes, when those acquisitions are forecast to remain affordable within the Housing Revenue Account model;
- (f) Delegated to the Borough Secretary the powers (including, but not limited to, any variation required to be made to the Management Agreement between Northampton Borough Council and Northampton Partnership Homes dated 5 January 2015) that may be necessary in order to implement any Cabinet approvals arising from this report or past Cabinet reports in connection with the alleviation of the costs of temporary accommodation; and
- (g) Agreed that a multi-disciplinary group will oversee the implementation of the housing acquisitions scheme and will provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with regular updates on the scheme.