

## CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – 10 September 2025

CALL-IN BY TUESDAY, 16 September 2025, 5pm

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#### Subject

Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2025-2030

#### Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the publication of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2025-2030 ensuring the Council can continue to evidence its compliance with its legal duties and to support continued investment from external partners.

#### Status

No call-in as yet.

#### Reason for Decision

The updated strategy allowed the Council to have an up to date Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy which articulates the Council's ambition and priorities in respect of homelessness and rough sleeping, and helps to facilitate and co-ordinate the work of relevant organisations in reducing homelessness and rough sleeping.

#### Action by

P Gayler

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#### Subject

North Hill, Little Baddow Conservation Area

#### Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the designation of North Hill, Little Baddow as a Conservation Area in accordance with Policy S3 of the adopted Chelmsford Local Plan (2020) and its emerging review.

#### Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

The approval of the designation ensured that the Council fulfils its duty to review and designate areas of special character, meaning that this is a material consideration in determining planning applications.

## Action by

M Hurst

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## Subject

Submission of the five unitary proposal for local government reorganisation in Greater Essex

## Decision

RESOLVED that Cabinet;

1. Agreed the proposal for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)
2. Delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any final changes before submission.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

The decision met the Government's statutory deadline to submit final LGR proposals by 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and the proposal presented an evidence-based, sustainable model which retains local identities, improves services and makes savings.

## Action by

N Eveleigh

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## Subject

Property Acquisition: A Centrally Located Surface Car Park

## Decision

RESOLVED that;

1. The Director of Public Places, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Property, be authorised to negotiate and finalise terms for the acquisition of the freehold interest, subject to satisfactory due diligence.
2. Cabinet approved the acquisition of the property, with officers seeking an urgency action for the allocation of the additional capital budget.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

The acquisition gave the Council direct control over tariffs and service standards, a secure modest surplus after financing, and preserve a prime site for potential redevelopment in the long term.

## Action by

J Reidy

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## Subject

Property Acquisition: A Block of Flats in the City Centre for use as Temporary Accommodation

## Decision

RESOLVED that;

1. The Director of Public Places, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Property, be authorised to negotiate and finalise the terms for the acquisition of the freehold interest, subject to satisfactory due diligence.
2. Cabinet approved the purchase of the property, with budget approval for the acquisition to be sought by way of an urgency action.
3. As part of the budget process, Cabinet to review the existing capital budget allocation of £4.51m for housing initiatives, with savings to be sought to partially offset the cost of the proposal. The amendments will be recommended to Council in the February budget report.

## Status

No call-in as yet.

## Reason for Decision

The acquisition would make a significant contribution to the Council's provision of temporary and supported accommodation and enhance the Council's ability to meet urgent housing needs, reduce reliance on external placements and strengthen partnerships to support households affected by domestic abuse.

## Action by

J Reidy