RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Executive decisions below have been taken by officers and come within the following Categories:

- A Decisions taken by Chief or Senior Officers pursuant to specific delegation by Cabinet
- B Decisions which may be of interest to the public, regardless of monetary value
- C Decisions taken under powers delegated in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers which are not purely operational or functional
- D Decisions involving expenditure in excess of £100,000 but less than the Key Decision threshold of £200,000

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Decision Number & Date of decision: Subject (Category of decision): Decision	Decision-maker and Officer contact:	Options available to decision- maker:	Preferred option and reasons for choosing it:	Conflicts of interest
1/2023 – 25th September 2023	Director of Public Places	Following the receipt of the final	Option 1. The construction	None
Construction of new access		Target Cost and the review report	of the new access road and	
road and bridge at Chelmer	Stuart.graham@chelmsford.gov.uk	by the Council's Project	bridge is a prerequisite for	
Waterside		Managers:	the development of Chelmer	
The Director of Public Places			Waterside.	
agreed that the Stage 2 of the		 To proceed to Stage 2 of 		
contract to construct the new		the contract		
access road and bridge at		To delay entering into		
Chelmer Waterside should		Stage 2 of the contract		

proceed. This followed the delegation approved at Full Council on 25 th July 2023.		3. To not enter into Stage 2 of the contract		
2/2022 – 16 August 2022 Relocation of the Gas Pressure Reduction System and associated gas mains at Chelmer Waterside The Director of Public Places agreed that Stage 3 (construction) of the of the relocation of the Gas Pressure Reduction System and associated gas mains at Chelmer Waterside should proceed	Director of Public Places Stuart Graham Stuart.graham@chelmsford.gov.uk	Following the tender process carried out by Cadent 1. To proceed with Stage 3 (construction) of the of the relocation of the Gas Pressure Reduction System and associated gas mains at Chelmer Waterside 2. Not to proceed with the relocation	Option 1. The relocation of the GPRS is an essential pre- requisite for the development of Chelmer Waterside	None
1/2022 – 21 March 2022 Chelmer Waterside Access Road and Bridge The Director of Public Places, in consultation it the Cabinet Member for Fairer Chelmsford, approved the Council entering into a contract for the next stages of the design and build of the Chelmer Waterside Access Road and Bridge.	Director of Public Places Stuart Graham Stuart.graham@chelmsford.gov.uk	Enter into the contract or not	Entering into the contract will further the development of Chelmsford Waterside	None
2/2021 – 7 September 2021 Writtle Neighbourhood Plan (A)	Director of Sustainable Communities Jenny Robinson	Not to proceed with the referendum on the Plan	Proceed with the referendum, as all the	None

Following completion of the	Jenny.robinson@chelmsford.gov.uk		statutory requirements have	
statutory processes the Director			been met and completed	
of Sustainable Communities			·	
decided that				
(1) the Writtle NP would meet				
the basic conditions and other				
legal requirements if made with				
the modifications				
recommended by the Examiner				
in his final report; (2) the Writtle				
NP (incorporating the				
modifications recommended by				
the Examiner) should therefore				
proceed to referendum; and (3)				
the area in which the				
referendum is to take place is				
the area formally designated as				
the Neighbourhood Area to				
which the referendum is to take				
place is the area formally				
designated as the				
Neighbourhood Area to which				
the Writtle NP relates				
1/2021 – 6 August 2021	Director of Sustainable Communities	Not to proceed with the	Proceed with the	None
South Woodham Ferrers		referendum on the Plan	referendum, as all the	
Neighbourhood Plan (A)	Jenny Robinson		statutory requirements have	
Following completion of the	Jenny.robinson@chelmsford.gov.uk		been met and completed	
statutory processes the Director			·	
of Sustainable Communities				
decided that				
(1) the SWF NP would meet the				
basic conditions and other legal				

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requirements if made with the modifications recommended by the Examiner in his final report; (2) the SWF NP (incorporating the modifications recommended by the Examiner) should therefore proceed to referendum; and (3) the area in which the referendum is to take place is the area formally designated as the Neighbourhood Area to which the SWF NP relates				
3/2020 – 10 November 2020 Digital Portfolio Office Following successful completion of the pilot for the DPO agreed by Council on 26 February 2020, the Chief Executive, acting under delegated authority, agreed to release funding of £500,000 earmarked in reserves to continue the DPO process and progress further projects	Chief Executive Nick Eveleigh Nick.eveleigh@chlemsford.gov.uk	Continue or not with the DPO project	The project to date has proved its worth and continuing it will provide benefits through better use of digital technology to improve efficiency and improve the provision of services	None
2/2020: 26 March 2020 Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme The Director of Financial Services and Portfolio Holder have agreed to give conditional approval as the relevant local	Director of Financial Services Paul Gayler Paul.gayler@chelmsford.gov.uk	None. The decision implements a delegation agreed by the Cabinet on 28 January 2020	Not applicable	None

housing authority to				
representatives of Brentwood				
diocese and their community				
group to progress with proposal				
to the Home Office for the				
provision of accommodation				
and support under the				
government's Community				
Sponsorship programme for the				
Vulnerable Persons'				
Resettlement Scheme for				
families being resettled from				
Syria and other counties in the				
middle east. Conditional				
approval has already been given				
by Essex County Council as the				
relevant authority for education				
and social care.				
1/2020: 9 March 2020	Director of Financial Services	None. Implementation of a	n/a	None
Business Rates Pooling (A)		decision of the Cabinet, which in		
In order to comply with the	Amanda Fahey	making it had considered the		
statutory deadline for the		options available		
creation of business rates pools	Amanda.fahey@chelmsford.gov.uk			
for 2020/21, lead authorities for				
existing pools were required to				
signal to Government their				
intention to continue as a pool,				
dissolve or reform under a new				
pool, by 25 th October 2019. As				
this deadline did not allow for				
detailed modelling to be				
prepared at that time, the				

Cabinet resolved at its meeting		
of 15 th October 2019, that:		
the principle of the Council		
joining an Essex Business		
Rate Pool for 2020/21 be		
approved; and		
2. the Director of Finance,		
after consultation with the		
Cabinet Member for Fairer		
Chelmsford, be authorised		
to finalise the pooling		
arrangements and		
documentation to give		
effect to resolution 1.		
Subsequently, all 15 members of		
the 2019/20 pool have agreed		
to remain in the 2020/21 Pool		
and detailed modelling has been		
undertaken based on statutory		
business rate estimates		
(NNDR1) returned by all		
authorities and in line with the		
arrangements previously		
existing in 2019/20. The		
estimated benefit to Chelmsford		
City Council of membership of		
the pool is approximately £1m.		
Pursuant to resolution 2 above,		
the Director of Finance having		
consulted the Cabinet Member		
for Fairer Chelmsford, has now		
agreed the final arrangements		
and documentation to give		

effect to the Council joining the Essex Business Rates Pool for 2020/21.			
10/2019: 19 November 2019 Housing Infrastructure Fund (A) The City Council has signed a Grant Funding Agreement with Homes England to provide up to £10.7 million of funding from the government's Housing Infrastructure Fund to support new housing in Chelmer Waterside	Director of Sustainable Communities Stuart Graham stuart.graham@chelmsford.gov.uk	This puts into action a previous decision of the Cabinet and the consideration of options was therefore not applicable	No
9/2019: 22 October 2019 Garden Communities Programme (D) The City Council has received an award of £150,000 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) Garden Communities Programme to support capacity funding to support the delivery of North East Chelmsford for the 2019/2020 financial year. The Director of Sustainable communities has decided to spend the award on evidence	Director of Sustainable Communities Claire Stuckey Claire.stuckey@chelmsford.gov.uk	The award is conditional on the money being spent on the Garden Communities Programme so other options for its use were not considered	No

base studies and external expertise				
8/2019: 3 October 2019 Coval Lane Building Window Replacement (A) Following approval of Capital Programme by Council in February 2019 and reported to Audit Committee in June 2019, the Coval Lane Office Window Replacement Project was tendered, and following tender evaluation it has been decided to award the contract The Window Company (Contracts) Limited. The total value of this contract is £324,446, which is below the approved budget. The winning supplier is a Chelmsford based company.	Director of Public Places Keith Nicholson keith.nicholson@chelmsford.gov.uk	Accept or not accept the lowest tender received	Accept the tender described as it is the lowest and there is no reason to believe it is not realistic	No
7/2019: 29 August 2019 Public Spaces Protection Order (A) To approve the variation and extension of the city centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)	Director of Public Places Paul Brookes paul.brookes@chelmsford.gov.uk	To approve, not approve or vary the existing PSPO	Approving the PSPO would be the most effective method of reducing unnecessary nuisance and litter	None
6/2019: 11 April 2019 Lease of Business Units (C)	Chief Executive Joe Reidy	Grant or not grant the leases	Granting the lease would be financially advantageous to the Council and enable the	None

Grant of a Licence of Consent to assign the Headlease and Underleases of Units 1/2, 3 and 4 Robjohns Road, Widford Industrial Estate.	joe.reidy@chelmsford.gov.uk		businesses to continue their operations	
5/2019: 28 March 2019 Busking in the City Centre (B) To implement a voluntary code of conduct to manage busking in the city centre	Director of Public Places Paul Brookes paul.brookes@chelmsford.gov.uk	1. Do nothing 2. Use of formal enforcement power 3. Introduce the voluntary code	Option 3 as it achieves the objective without having too tight controls that are contrary to the principles of busking Option 1 was discounted as there has been an increasing number of complaints from the public about the activities of buskers Option 2 was discounted as an over-zealous approach that is better tackled by a voluntary code	None
4/2019: 22 February 2019 Leisure Services Pricing Strategy (A) In accordance with authority given by the Cabinet on 16 October 2018, the final future pricing strategy and specific fees and charges for the Council's main leisure facilities were	Director of Public Places Jon Lyons jon.lyons@chelmsford.gov.uk	The options relevant to this decision were those before the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 October 2018	The final policy and charges would put in place a competitive pricing strategy that would attract and retain customers of the facilities, promote healthy living and achieve budgetary targets.	None

approved by the Director of Public Places after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure Call-in expiry: Midnight, 15 March 2019				
3/2019: 31 January 2019 Beaulieu Community Use Agreement (A) Authorise the entering into of a Community Use Agreement with Beaulieu Park School which will enable public access to sports facilities at the school upon the terms and conditions set out in the agreement Call-in expiry: Midnight, 7 February 2019	Director of Public Places Mark Owers mark.owers@chelmsford.gov.uk	 Enter into the agreement on the proposed terms Enter into it on different terms Not enter into the agreement 	Option 1. The agreement is in the interests of the owners and operators of the facility and those contributing to its provision, which is in turn beneficial to the local community	None
2/2019: 10 January 2019 Grant of New Lease (D) Grant of new lease to Great Baddow and District Royal British Legion of the clubhouse at Chelwater Chelmsford CM2 7RA	Chief Executive Joe Reidy joe.reidy@chelmsford.gov.uk	Grant or not grant the lease	Granting the lease would be financially advantageous to the Council and enable the Club to continue its operations	None
1/2019: 10 January 2019 Land in Victoria Road (D) Disposal of strip of land on Victoria Street, forming the frontage of the former Post	Chief Executive Joe Reidy joe.reidy@chelmsford.gov.uk	Dispose of or retain the land	Disposal of the land would be financially advantageous to the Council	None

Office site, to Bellway Homes Ltd (Essex)				
19/2018: 19 November 2018 Award of Contract for Operation of Café at Chelmsford Museum (A) To enter into a contract with Lemon Tree for the operation of the cafe	Director of Corporate Services Rosa Tanfield rosa.tanfield@chelmsford.gov.uk	 Award the contract to Lemon Tree Award the contract to another company Do not operate a café at the Museum 	Option 1. Lemon Tree submitted a robust tender, has demonstrated experience in the industry, is reputable and is financially sound. The presence of a café would help attract visitors to the Museum and Oaklands Park	None
18/2018: 18 October 2018 Appointment of Contractor for Fit-out Works at Museum (A) To appoint and award the contract to The Hub as the display fit-out contractor for the Chelmsford Museum redevelopment project, in accordance with the resolution of Cabinet on 12 September 2017	Director of Corporate Services Rosa Tanfield rosa.tanfield@chelmsford.gov.uk	Award the contractor to another company Not proceed with the contract	The contractor submitted the most competitive tender, has experience of this type of work, is reputable and financially sound	None
17/2018: 1 October 2018 Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 (C) To set the levels of fees for new inspection requirements under the above Regulations	Director of Public Places Paul Brookes paul.brookes@chelmsford.gov.uk	The fees have been calculated using LGA "Open for Business" guidance and the Draft Guide for Fee Setting for these Regulations No other basis for the setting of the fees was considered	Use of the guidance means that the fees are consistent with those charged by other authorities and meet the requirements of the Regulations	None

16/2018: 1 October 2018	Director of Finance	To purchase the property or not	The purchase would be in	None
Purchase of Unit 5 Buckingham			the Council's financial	
Court (A)	richard.wilson@chelmsford.gov.uk		interests	
To purchase the above property				
15/2018: 25 September 2018	Director of Public Places	No other options were	Not applicable	None
Bell Meadow Improvement		considered. The project,		
Project, Phase 2 (D)	paul.vandamme@chelmsford.gov.uk	expenditure and options at the		
To award the works to construct		time were first approved at		
phase 2 of the Bell Meadow		Cabinet on 18 April 2017 item 7.3		
Improvement Project. To		(Strategic S106 Spending Plan).		
construct a pedestrian bridge				
between Bell Meadow and Sky Blue (and associated Civil				
Engineering, path improvement				
works and landscaping),				
Contract value £100k				
14/2018: 14 August 2018	Director of Public Places	No options were presented. This	The review was carried out	None
Cemetery and Crematorium		was a genral updating of the	under delegations to officers	
Regulations (A)	Paul Brookes	Regulations rather than a detailed	3.4.6.27 "Provision,	
The Comptant and Cramatarium	paul.brookes@chelmsford.gov.uk	revision	development and	
The Cemetery and Crematorium Regulations have been updated			management of the Cemetery and	
in consultation with the Cabinet			Crematorium." and "3.3.2 (i)	
Member for Parks, reflecting the			Functions of Cabinet	
need for housekeeping and to			members and Areas of	
add the Columbarium			Responsibilities E (v) Parks;	
regulations (previously a			all matters relating to the	
separate set of regulations).			cemeteries and	
			crematorium."	

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13/2018: 27 July 2018	Director of Sustainable Communities	No options were presented as the	Not applicable	None
Responses to Local Plan		proposed comments represented		
Consultations (A)	Jenny Robinson	the officers' professional opinions		
	jenny.robinson@chelmsford.gov.uk	on the Local Plan documents		
To submit as this Council's				
responses to formal				
consultation the comments on				
the Local Plan documents of				
Harlow, Castle Point and				
Uttlesford Councils endorsed by				
the Development Policy				
Committee on 26 July 2018				
12/2018: 21 June 2018	Director of Public Places	Adopt the proposed levels	The Council is under an	None
Film Classification Fee (C)		of fees and charges.	obligation to ensure that, so	
	Paul Brookes	 Adopt the proposed levels 	far as is possible, the cost of	
To introduce a fee of £180 for	paul.brookes@chelmsford.gov.uk	of fees and charges subject	maintaining the regime is	
the Council, when asked, to		to any amendments that	met by fees charged. The	
provide a film classification		are considered necessary	proposed fee is estimated to	
		 Not adopt the proposed 	cover the actual cost to the	
		fees and charges	Council of classifying a fim	
11/2018: 4 June 2018	Director of Public Places	The only other option was not		None
Empty Homes Strategy (B)		to update the strategy		
	Paul Brookes			
Following a review of the	paul.brookes@chelmsford.gov.uk			
Council's existing empty homes				
strategy which details the				
Council's approach to long-term				
empty homes, the existing				
strategy was refreshed and				
republished (version 2.0).				

Decision taken in consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing.				
10/2018: 23 May 2018 The acquisition of property in connection with the development of John Shennan Field (C) The property is to be acquired as part of the overall development strategy for the larger site.	Chief Executive Joe Reidy joe.reidy@chelmsford.gov.uk	Acquire the property Not to acquire the property	Option 1 – For the long term benefit of the development.	None
Pursuant to my delegated power in Paragraph 2(a)(vi) of the Officer Scheme of Delegation, on the grounds of urgency, after consulting the Leader, I hereby authorise the purchase of the property as described and on the terms negotiated as set out in this letter and also the allocation of the capital budget to complete the purchase of the property.				
9/2018: 10 May 2018 Charges for Food Hygiene Rating Revisits (C) That Chelmsford City Council introduce a charge to	Director of Public Places Paul Brookes paul.brookes@chelmsford.gov.uk	Introduce the charge as proposed Continue not to charge for revisits	Re-inspection is at the request of the food business due to a poor food hygiene rating score and the business wishing to be rescored. It is	None

businesses for requested inspection revisits under the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. That the charge be set at £200 based upon full cost recovery. Director of Financial Services and Cabinet Member for Safer Communities consulted in accordance with part 3.4 1(a) & (b) of the Council's Constitution			reasonable that this cost should be met by the food business and £200 reflects the actual cost to the Council of re-inspection.	
8/2018: 11 May 2018 Land at Sandford Mill, Chelmsford (C) To authorise the execution of a lease of six months to Natural Foundations (NF) in relation to land at Sandford Mill, subject to NF completing a Deed of Surrender in respect of the original agreement of the land The decision was exempted from call-in in accordance with Executive Rule 4.4.7.6 as the notice for NF to quit the site expired on 10 May and, to protect them and the Council, a new lease needed to be executed immediately	Chief Executive Joe Reidy joe.reidy@chelmsford.gov.uk	1. Authorise the execution of the lease under the proposed terms 2. Not authorise it and allow the original agreement to lapse	Option 1 as this would regularise the tenant's occupation of the site, allow time for NF to find an alternative site, and protect the Council's interest in the land	
7/2018: 10 May 2018	Director of Financial Services	1. Acquire the leased property on Brockley Road	Option 3 as a delay in the acquisition of the property	None

Acquisition of 86 Springfield Park Avenue (A) To purchase 86 Springfield Park Avenue and to relocate to it a current occupant of one of the leased properties at 1-8 Brockley Road to enable them to the demolished as part of the Lockside regeneration scheme	Joe Reidy joe.reidy@chelmsford.gov.uk	compulsorily, which would have delayed the regeneration of the area 2. Sell it to a developer with the leaseholder in situ, which would affect the value of the land and created uncertainty for the leaseholder. 3. Acquire 86 Springfield Park Avenue and relocate the leaseholder to it	would delay the overall scheme for the regeneration of the Lockside Growth Area, to the financial detriment of the Council	
6/2018: 9 May 2018 45a Baddow Road (A) To purchase 45a Baddow Road, Chelmsford as part the Lockside Growth Area plans	Director of Financial Services Joe Reidy joe.reidy@chelmsford.gov.uk	Purchase or not purchase the property	Purchasing the property would assist with achieving this Council's plans to regenerate the area	None
5/2018: 9 May 2018 Sandford Mill (A) To grant a lease of land and Sandford Mill and to enter into agreements associated with this letting.	Director of Financial Services Joe Reidy joe.reidy@chelmsford.gov.uk	Grant the lease or not grant it	Granting the lease will deliver the best outcome for the Council in managing its assets.	None
4/2018: 30 April 2018 Castle Kiosk, Hylands Park (C) To grant a lease of the kiosk for the provision of refreshments	Director of Financial Services Bob Palmer bob.palmer@cherlmsford.gov.uk	Grant the lease or not grant it	Granting the lease will enable a service to be provided to the users of the Park and provide a source of income to the Council	None

3/2018: 12 March 2018 Charges for Wedding Hires at Hylands House (A) To implement a range of changes to the wedding pricing structure at Hylands for 2019 to improve consistency and reflect demand for different days of the week. The revised structure also incorporates a bar surcharge within the pricing structure which had previously being added to the price separately. A 3% increase in proposed for charges for 2020.	Director of Community Services Jon Lyons jon.lyons@chelmsford.gov.uk	Continue with the existing pricing structure which did not maximise the potential income from bookings. In addition, a bar surcharge could continue but proved unpopular and confusing with to customers.	Significant work was carried out assessing the pricing structures of similar competitors and this has informed the decisionmaking process	None
2/2018: 26 March 2018 Chelmsford Museum Project (A) To appoint Beardwell Construction Ltd as the main contractor for the redevelopment works at Chelmsford Museum (as per authority given by Cabinet on 12.9.17)	Chief Executive in absence of the Director of Community Services John Peacey john.peacey@chelmsford.gov.uk	Award the contractor to another company Not proceed with the contract	The contractor to whom the contract is to be awarded has experience of this type of work, is reputable and financially sound, and submitted the most competitive tender	None
1/2018: 13 March 2018 Management Agreement with Chelmer Housing Partnership (C and D)	Chief Executive Nick Eveleigh nick.eveleigh@chelmsford.gov.uk	Enter into the Management Agreement Retain the existing arrangements for managing private sector	Option 1. Entering into a Management Agreement with CHP provides an efficient means by which to manage properties used to provide housing for homeless	None

Pursuant to my delegated power	leased properties and	people in Chelmsford. It	
in Paragraph 2(a)(vi) of the	modular housing units	makes use of the experience	
Officer Scheme of Delegation, on		and expertise of CHP in the	
the grounds of urgency as an		management of	
executive decision is required		accommodation and furthers	
immediately to enable a contract		the objective of the Council	
to commence on 2 April 2018		to provide additional housing	
and having consulted the Leader		of a good quality to those in	
of the Council, I hereby		temporary accommodation.	
authorise:		The additional costs	
		associated with the	
1. The completion of a		Agreement are expected to	
Management		be recovered over a period of	
Agreement with		time through a reduction in	
Chelmer Housing		direct expenditure on the	
Partnership for private		management of such	
sector leased properties		properties.	
and Council owned			
temporary			
accommodation			
including modular			
accommodation;			
,			
2. A budget amendment			
where savings derived			
from implementing the			
contract meet the cost			
of the contract. The			
amendment being made			
up of a reduction in			
Housing Service			
riousing service			

maintenance budgets			
(£20k) and due to a			
higher rate of collection			
an increase in Housing			
Service rent budgets			
(£140k), which will be			
used to establish a			
budget to meet the cost			
of the contract (£160k).			