

CABINET

Monday, 18 October 2021 (7:00 pm – 7:01 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor House (Chair); Councillors Bicknell, Airey, Corben, Craig, Kyrle and Pretty

Also in attendance: Councillors Bourne, Garton and Duguid

RECOMMENDED ITEMS (REQUIRING A DECISION)55. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

56. RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from Committees.

57. TOWN CENTRE PRINCIPLESIssue

The Guiding Regeneration Principles document captures the key themes that together will guide the regeneration of Eastleigh town centre as we recover from the pandemic. It aims to give strategic direction to delivery in the short to medium term, and frame more detailed discussions with stakeholders about how we collectively shape Eastleigh in the future. (Paper 6)

Consideration

Our towns and local centres have been changing gradually for some time, due to competition from both online and out-of-town retail and leisure offers which has led to the slow decline of the retail sector.

The pandemic, and the social distancing restrictions imposed by the Government, have further impacted our Local Centres and the businesses within them. The pandemic has accelerated existing trends to the extent that footfall has decreased (50%-60% during lockdown in Eastleigh), shopping online has increased (nationally 20% to 33.8% sales by the end of the 2nd lockdown), and occupancy levels have fallen (93% to 89% in Eastleigh town centre, excluding charity shops, since February 2020).

RESOLVED –

That Cabinet approve the Guiding Regeneration Principles document – Together we make Eastleigh, at Appendix 1.

58. CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY

Issue

This Strategy provides an overarching set of principles for all enforcement carried out by the Council. Separate enforcement policies determine specific approaches for individual areas of enforcement. (Paper 7)

Consideration

Councillors have previously suggested a renewed policy approach to enforcement. Previous policy documents were out of date and insufficient to support a robust legal approach. At the same time the Council's Internal Auditors identified that the Council lacked an overarching enforcement strategy.

RESOLVED –

That Cabinet:

- (1) approves the attached draft Strategy (Appendix 1).**
- (2) agrees that the Corporate Enforcement Strategy is presented to Policy and Performance Committee and Cabinet for approval every two years; and**
- (3) agrees that approval of service specific enforcement polices be approved by Executive Head of relevant services in consultation with Portfolio leads.**

[NOTE: Cabinet agreed that the second recommendation be amended.]

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

60. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

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