

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 14 October 2015

Present

Councillor Turner (Mayor)

Councillors Mrs Blackett, Briggs, Branson, Brown, Buckley, Cheshire, Cousins, Fairhurst, Francis, Guest, Hart, Heard, Keast, Kerrin, Lenaghan, Mackey, Perry, Pierce Jones, Ponsonby (Deputy Mayor), Sceal, Shimbart, Mrs Shimbart, Smith D, Smith K, Tarrant, Wade, Weeks, Wilson, Bains, Cresswell, Hughes, Patrick, Pike, Rees and Satchwell

29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edwards, Gibb-Gray and Weeks.

30 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 22 July and 2 September 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

31 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

32 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest from any of the members present.

33 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report was circulated with the agenda and the Mayor advised of a minor amendment confirming the date of the Halloween Quiz as 30 October.

34 Leader's Report

The Leader provided an update on the ongoing discussions surrounding the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Devolution proposal, confirming that the Borough Council was fully engaged and its interests represented at all levels of the negotiations.

The Leader also confirmed that, in addition to the existing channels of communication for keeping Councillors informed on matters coming forward for Cabinet consideration, relevant ward Councillors would also be given an opportunity to comment on Cabinet reports with specific ward-related implications.

35 Cabinet Lead Reports

The Mayor invited the Cabinet Leads to provide updates on their reports to Council since publication.

Councillor Briggs reported that the planning application for 40 new beach huts referred to in his report had been withdrawn following a number of objections and comments expressing concern about the proposal. The Mayor took the opportunity to thank Councillor Briggs for this decision.

Councillor Briggs also reported that the business case for the proposed Joint Venture Company for Operational Services was being taken forward with a start date of April 2016.

In Councillor Weeks' absence, Councillor Shimbart provided an update to her report in relation to the delivery of 9 affordable homes on the former Brewmaster site in Hart Plain Avenue by March 2016.

36 Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations

- (A) Councillor David Smith presented a recommendation to Council arising from the Licensing Committee meeting held on 16 September 2015, in relation to Charges for Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licensing (Licensing Committee minute 18/09/2015 refers); Proposed by Councillor David Smith and seconded by Councillor Gerald Shimbart, it was:

RESOLVED that the charges set out in Appendix A to the report to the Licensing Committee be approved.

- (B) Councillor Guest presented a recommendation to Council arising from the Cabinet meeting held on 7 October 2015 in relation to the draft Enforcement Plan. Proposed by Councillor Guest and seconded by Councillor Cheshire, it was:

RESOLVED that the Enforcement Plan be approved and adopted.

- (C) Councillor Wilson presented a recommendation to Council arising from the Cabinet meeting held on 7 October 2015 in relation to the draft Councillor Competency Framework. Proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Buckley, it was:

RESOLVED that the Councillor Competency Framework be approved and implemented, to ensure that there is a clear understanding of what is expected of Councillors in their role.

37 Cabinet Leads and Chairmen's Question Time

Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Leads were taken and responses given. In the absence of Councillor Weeks, questions in relation to her report were noted for responses to be circulated after the meeting.

There were no questions for the Committee Chairmen.

38 Questions

In response to Councillor Cousins, Councillor Briggs provided an update on the current scheme for green waste collection and provided details of the income received through textile collections and litter fines.

In response to Councillor Cousins, the Leader confirmed that information on appointments to outside organisations was available to Councillors through the Council's intranet.

39 Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions.

40 Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of meetings held since the last meeting of the Council, with the exception of the meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee on 23 September which would be taken to the next meeting of the Council, were received.

41 Appointment of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer

The Mayor had agreed to this matter coming forward as an urgent item in view of the need to make these statutory appointments. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Blackett and seconded by Councillor Gerald Shimbart, it was:

RESOLVED that Mr Nick Leach be appointed as the Council's Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 6.08 pm

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Mayor