

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 4 February 2015

Present

Councillor Cheshire (Chairman)

Councillors Briggs, Branson, Fairhurst, Guest and Weeks

123 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

124 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19 November 2014 and the extraordinary meetings held on 10 December 2014 and 12 January 2015 be approved as a correct record.

125 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the minutes referred to at 124 above.

126 Declarations of Interests

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

127 Chairman's Report

There were no matters the Chairman wished to report.

128 Cabinet Lead Delegated Decisions, Minutes from Meetings etc.

RESOLVED that the following minutes and delegated decisions be noted:

- (1) Minutes of the Portchester Crematorium Joint Management Committee held on 15 December 2014;
- (2) Delegated Decision: Annual Monitoring Report, Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and Town and Country Planning (local planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and
- (3) Proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Havant: High Lawn Way, Somborne Drive, Fair Oak Drive and The Drive.

129 Recommendations from the Scrutiny Board

Councillor Leah Turner presented a report and recommendations to the Cabinet arising from a scrutiny review of appointments to outside organisations.

Cabinet members were supportive of the proposals set out in the report, subject to the removal of the reference under 2(b) in Appendix D *"It does not entail being there in name only and merely turning up to meetings"*. This amendment was supported by Councillor Turner and by Councillor Branson as Scrutiny Lead.

Cabinet members also requested that officers liaise with the Cabinet Lead to define, in relation to each outside appointment, the role and responsibilities of the Council's appointed representative and the anticipated objectives in fulfilling the appointment.

At the conclusion of the debate the Chairman thanked Cllr Turner for the Scrutiny Panel's comprehensive report.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The Guidance Code for Councillors and Officers on Outside Organisations (Appendix D to the report) be amended to remove the reference Under 2(b) *"It does not entail being there in name only and merely turning up to meetings"*;
- (2) All Councillors appointed to an outside body be required to complete a feedback form after each scheduled meeting in order to ensure that each appointment continues to represent value for the Council;
- (3) The Guidance Code for Councillors on Outside Organisations contained within the Council's Yearbook is circulated to all Councillors sitting on an outside body as the council's representative; and
- (4) From the start of the next municipal year all outside bodies be requested to advise Democratic Services of any future meetings programmed and forward on any future sets of minutes.

130 Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2015-16

The Leader of the Council presented a report setting out the proposed revenue budget, capital programme, Reserves and Balances, Treasury Management Strategy and Prices for Services for 2014/15. The Financial Planning report was to be presented to Council on 18th February 2015 for final approval, with the Council Tax Resolution. A revised and updated Appendix A to the report was circulated.

On behalf of the Cabinet the Leader conveyed his appreciation to the Finance Team

RECOMMENDED to full Council that the following be approved:

- (1) The proposed revenue and capital budget for 2015/16, including a Council Tax rate of £192.78 at Band D (representing a 0% increase);
- (2) The Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators;
- (3) Proposed Prices for Services for 2015/16; and

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- (4) The Council's appreciation be recorded to the Finance Team for their work to compile a balanced budget at no additional cost to Council Tax Payers in the Borough.

131 Corporate Strategy 2015-20

The Leader presented the Council's draft Corporate Strategy for 2015-20. The draft Strategy was agreed by Cabinet members for onward recommendation to full Council subject to the amendment set out below:

RECOMMENDED to full Council that the Corporate Strategy 2015-20 be approved and adopted subject to the following amendment to Appendix 1:

That, under "In the future our environment will", the first paragraph be amended to include the word 'harbours' so as to read:

"Enhance our area as a great place to live and work – we will use and enhance our countryside, *harbours* and coastline ..."

132 Community Infrastructure Levy: Spending

Councillor Guest presented a report summarising the bids received in response to the invitations to put forward projects for spending of funds collected through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); and recommending shortlisted projects, amendments to the Funding Decision Protocol and the Regulation 123 List.

RECOMMENDED to full Council that:

- (1) Up to £50,000 of CIL funding be used, working in partnership with Hampshire County Council, to commission a feasibility study into the costs, options for construction and a business case for the Havant Station footbridge to lever in funding from other sources;
- (2) Remaining funds collected up to 31 March 2015 to be carried forward, pending the outcome of the studies for the Havant Station Footbridge and the Southmoor Lane / Harts Farm Way junction signalisation options;
- (3) Other bids be not supported at this time due to the limited funds currently available from the CIL;
- (4) The revised Funding Decision Protocol at Appendix C to the Cabinet report be agreed; and
- (5) The Executive Head (Planning & Built Environment), in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Planning Policy and the Built Environment, be authorised to amend the explanatory notes to the Regulation 123 List for clarification.

133 Personalisation

Councillor Fairhurst presented a report setting out the business case for the personalisation of Services, in line with the Council's Corporate Strategy, so that residents and businesses could be offered a level of service at a price to suit their needs. In order to deliver this programme of work, funding would be required and the report asked for the release of funds needed to deliver the Personalisation programme. The full Business Case was circulated.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the Business Case be approved;
- (2) Funding be released from the transformation reserves in the sum of £115,500 to fund the implementation costs of this programme; and
- (3) the additional Revenue Budget of £210,038 be approved, reducing to £129,038 in year 3 as set out in the business case.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.34 pm

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Chairman