



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 16th MARCH 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Oates (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), M Bailey, T Clements, S Doyle, A Farrell and M Summers

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Rob Barnes (Executive Director Communities), Tina Mustafa (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods), Paul Weston (Assistant Director Assets) and Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager)

### **121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

### **122 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 were approved as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor T Clements and seconded by Councillor A Farrell)*

### **123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **124 QUESTION TIME:**

None

### **125 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES**

None

### **126 HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC UPDATE**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing on the Homelessness Strategic Update 2023, to update and set out achievements to date from the Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020 – 2025.

To update on existing approvals for the Council's SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol) and winter relief response.

To propose a Homeless Hub in line with Council's strategic ambitions.

To update the Council's new Temporary accommodation charging policy and framework with effect 1st April 2023 and approve the recommended options.

Approval to write off historic bed and breakfast arrears in line with the temporary accommodation charging policy as detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED:** that Cabinet

1. acknowledges the strategic achievements progressing the homelessness prevention and rough sleeping strategy.
2. approved the continued support for the winter relief project and Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) response as set out in the report to cabinet on 11/11/2021
3. Approved the development of a Homeless Hub in accordance with the principles set out in the report noting Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny considered on the 29/11/2022 and 24/01/2023; and delegated final approval of the Homeless Hub specification for procurement to the portfolio holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing; and
4. Approved the updated temporary accommodation charging policy, including, the write off of historic bed and breakfast arrears and the application of recovery of outstanding temporary accommodation debt post 2018 charging in line with the new framework.  
*(Moved by Councillor A Farrell and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)*

## 127 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED:** That members of the press and public be now excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

*(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

**128 COMMERCIAL LEASE UPDATE**

**Resolved:** that the recommendations in the report be approved and Cabinet to be updated on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

*(Moved by Councillor M Bailey and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

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Leader