



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 21st AUGUST 2014

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors S Claymore, S Doyle and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Joanne Sands (Neighbourhood Services Manager), Paul Weston (Head of Asset Management - Property Services) and Ryan Keyte (Senior Legal Officer)

25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Pritchard and M Greatorex.

26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

28 QUESTION TIME:

There were no questions.

29 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES

There were none

30 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS 2015/16

The Report of the Leader of the Council seeking agreement to the proposed budget and medium term financial planning process for General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account for 2015/16 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the Budget and Planning process report.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)

31 CABINET WRITE OFFS FOR 01/04/14 - 30/6/14

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets, presented by Director of Finance, seeking to provide members with details of write offs from 01 April 2014 to 30 June 2014 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the amount of debt to be written off.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)

32 GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2013/14

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets, presented by the Leader of the Council, seeking to inform Members of the Small Grants, Arts Grants and Sport Grants awards made during 2013/14 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the outturn of the Cabinet (Grants) Sub-Committee.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor S Claymore)

EXCLUSION OF 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 and 4, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

33 SERVICE REVIEW - PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets, presented by Director Assets and Environment, seeking to inform Cabinet of the proposed

changes in the operations of the public conveniences within the Town Centre with a view to reducing the operating costs, including changes to operating facilities, operating hours and staff provision was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the recommendations as contained in the report subject to the amendment to reflect the revised redundancy figures provided at the meeting.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)

34 LEASEHOLDER SERVICE CHARGES - HIGH RISE LIFTS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Public Housing and Vulnerable People, presented by the Director Assets and Environment, seeking to set out for Cabinet the implications for leaseholders in respect of service charges associated with the refurbishment of lifts in the high rise blocks and to provide Cabinet with the options in relation to application of service charges along with the financial implications of those options was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the recommendations as contained in the report

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)

35 SERVICE REVIEW - CCTV AND STREET WARDENS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Development and Voluntary Sector seeking to provide an options appraisal for the CCTV and Street Warden Service was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. endorsed the recommendations contained in the report, and;
2. thanked the Director Assets and Environment and the Neighbourhood Services Manager for the excellent job done in carrying out the service review and in preparing the report.

(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded Councillor D Cook)

Leader