

5 MARCH 2003

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 5 March 2003.

p Cllr M J Kendal (Chairman)
p Cllr T M Russell (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

p P C Greenfield
p J D Heron
e Mrs M D Holding

Councillors:

e B Rickman
p C A Wise
p P R Woods

In Attendance:

Councillor:

Mrs M J Robinson

Also in Attendance:

Mrs P White, Tenant Representative

Officers Attending:

D Yates, N Gibbs, C Malyon, Ms J Bateman, Ms J Norman and Miss G O'Rourke.

135. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2003, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

137. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

138. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2002 – DECEMBER 2002 (REPORT A).

The Cabinet considered the forecast budget variations of all Portfolios and Committees from the approved original estimates for 2002/2003.

The Catering Service had been set a savings target of £30,000 in the current financial year as part of the best value review process. Although work was continuing on the review members noted that savings proposed would not now be fully achievable in the current year. A number of other issues had also been identified, largely employment related, which were beyond the direct control of the service.

Some concern was expressed at the year on year underspend in the Council's Capital Programme. It was noted that slippage was due largely to external factors beyond the Council's control. Capital projects once committed were completed even though they may span more than one financial year.

RECOMMENDED:

That the following supplementary estimates be approved:-

- (i) £25,000 in lieu of the deletion of a previously anticipated saving on bed and breakfast costs; and***
- (ii) £66,000 in respect of catering expenditure, as a result of delays in achieving best value review savings (£30k) and other spending pressures (£36k), as detailed in Report A.***

RESOLVED:

- (a)** That the revised General Fund budget as set out in Appendix 1 to Report A be agreed;
- (b)** That the revised capital expenditure programme, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report A be agreed; and
- (c)** That the revised Housing Revenue Account, as set out in Appendix 3 to Report A be agreed.

139. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR BEACH HUTS (REPORT B).

The Cabinet considered draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for Beach Huts, which was published for public consultation in March 2002, together with the representations received.

The Chairman expressed concern at the lack of access for the disabled to the Beach Huts at Milford-on-Sea. Whilst there was a ramp in place, the path from the car park to the ramp was not passable for a wheelchair.

Officers agreed to look at the issue as a matter of urgency with a view to making a temporary repair in advance of the longer term major refurbishment programme planned for the area.

RESOLVED:

That the Supplementary Planning Guidance for Beach Huts as amended in Report B (Annex 1) be adopted formally as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the adopted New Forest District Local Plan and its First Alteration.

CHAIRMAN

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