

6 JULY 2011

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 6 July 2011.

p Cllr B Rickman (Chairman)
p Cllr E J Heron (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

p Mrs D M Brooks
p Mrs J L Cleary

Councillors:

p F P Vickers
p C A Wise

In Attendance:

Councillors:

Mrs S M Bennison
Ms L C Ford
C J Harrison
Mrs A J Hoare
Mrs M E Lewis

Councillors:

Mrs P J Lovelace
Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton
Mrs A M Rostand
J G Ward

Also In Attendance:

Mrs A Murphy, Housing Policy and Report Focus Group Representative.

Officers Attending:

D Yates, R Jackson, J Mascal, Ms J Bateman, Miss G O'Rourke and Ms D Staples.

11. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with any agenda item.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

14. Chairman's Announcement.

The Chairman welcomed Fraser Vigrass to the meeting as an interested observer. Fraser attended Hounslow School and was undertaking two weeks work experience with the Council.

15. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (REPORT A).

Following the Council's quadrennial elections the Cabinet considered appointments to Outside Bodies on which the Council was currently represented.

Members noted that the issue of grant aid by the Council to outside bodies and groups would be the subject of a further report at a later date. In the meantime it was agreed that it would be helpful to detail any grant aid allocations to these particular outside bodies in any future reports.

RESOLVED:

That the appointments to Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix 1 to Report A to the Cabinet be agreed.

16. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN – BUDGET UPDATE 2011/12 (REPORT B).

The Cabinet was updated with regard to the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of issues affecting the 2011/12 budget. They considered the carry forward from 2011/11; the progress with workstreams and an update on Government Grant allocations.

The Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder reminded members that a General Fund budget of £20.404 million for 2011/12 had been agreed by the Council in February. Subsequently an additional £38,000 had been added to that as a result of budgets carried forward from 2010/11. Some re-phasing had occurred and that together with significant savings arising from the workstream savings programme had identified a further £172,000 of savings. The update General Fund Revenue budget requirement now stood at £19.982m.

Members noted that some re-phasing had also taken place in the Council's Capital Programme and that now stood at £20.166m.

In answer to a question the Cabinet noted that in relation to the North Milton Estate the various elements of the refurbishment works had been packaged together at a late stage in the project to form one large contract as this gave better value for money. This did however mean that officer delegations were insufficient to approve the overall contract. Members noted that the project would be monitored for performance in the normal way and staged payments would be made dependent upon results.

Members were pleased to note that in a continuing uncertain financial climate the Council remained on target to deliver services against budget.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the updated base budget positions for revenue and capital budgets as set out in Report B to the Cabinet be noted; and
- (b) That the update on Housing Revenue Account issues as set out in Report B to the Cabinet be noted; and
- (c) That the contract with Mansells for North Milton Estate as set out in Appendix A to Report B to the Cabinet be endorsed.

17. DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS.

Following the repeal of Part 1 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Cabinet considered an update to Officer Delegations to take account of the changes.

RESOLVED:

That the following delegation of power be granted:

Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 and any amending Statutes and Regulations	To take all necessary action and exercise all powers including the issue and service of any necessary authorisation, Notice or permit, the inspection of premises and the enforcement of the relevant legislation for the purposes of the Act.	Head of Public Health and community Safety, or Environmental Health Managers, or Senior Environmental Health Officer, or Environmental Health Officer.
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CHAIRMAN

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