

1 OCTOBER 2014

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 1 October 2014.

p Cllr B Rickman (Chairman)  
ap 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:**

G C Beck  
Mrs S Bennison  
S Clarke  
A T Glass  
C J Harrison

**Councillors:**

Mrs A J Hoare  
J Penwarden  
A W Rice  
A J Swain  
J C Ward

**Officers Attending:**

D Yates, R Jackson, J Mascal, Miss J Debnam, C Elliott, and Miss G O'Rourke

**30. MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest made by any member in connection with an agenda item.

**32. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

**33. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2014-2018 (REPORT A).**

The Cabinet considered the Medium Term Financial Plan which had been developed from the draft resource plans prepared for each portfolio. These plans identified the operational requirements for each service area and also took account of the forecast continuing reductions in the funding available. The portfolio resource plans ensured that the Council's activities were directed towards achieving the aims, performance levels and challenges that were necessary to deliver the Corporate Plan. Through prudent financial planning, matching reductions in funding with savings, the 2015/16 budget would be balanced, based on the government's 2 year funding settlement announced in early 2014. This was also within the context of the Council having continued to protect council taxpayers from increases during the period of economic recession, by maintaining a Band D charge of £155.76. Although the Council's budget was balanced for next year, the situation beyond the forthcoming general election remained unclear, with no indications as to the level of funding that would be available. A further review programme was therefore being initiated under the title "Fit for the Future" to generate new ways of working to ensure the continued delivery of the Council's services.

**RESOLVED:**

That the emerging draft Medium Term Financial Plan for 2014 to 2018, as set out in Report A to the Cabinet, and the principles on which it is being developed, be approved.

Action: Bob Jackson

**34. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (REPORT B).**

The Cabinet recalled that on 2 April 2014 (minute 75 refers) they had recommended that the Council should adopt the charging schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) with an implementation date of 6 April 2015. The Council had accepted that recommendation (minute 59, 14 April 2014 refers). The delayed implementation date had been agreed as it had been expected that the Government would amend the CIL Regulations, but no such amendments had been made or were anticipated. The CIL charge of £80 per square metre of new residential development would therefore come into effect from 6 April 2015.

Prior to that date the Council must prepare a list, under Section 123 of the CIL Regulations, of the Council's priorities for spending CIL receipts and have a system in place for the effective monitoring and amendment of the list, as required. Under the terms applying to the pooling and use of CIL receipts it was also important that all contributions received to date under S106 agreements were allocated to projects prior to 6 April 2015.

The Cabinet was advised of the constraints that applied to the pooling of CIL receipts and their allocation to infrastructure projects. Once administrative costs, the funds that must be allocated to the local council for the area and funding for habitat mitigation projects had been deducted, the residual funds available for other projects would be limited. The suggested process for producing the Regulation 123 list, with the statutory consultation stages, was set out in section 5 of the report. This reflected the successful system already in place for the allocation of S106 receipts.

**RECOMMENDED:**

*That the principles and procedure for the administration of Community Infrastructure Levy receipts, as set out in Report B to the Cabinet, be approved and adopted.*

**RESOLVED:**

That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in early 2015 for the agreement of the Regulation 123 list of projects that the Council intends to fund, or may fund, through the levy.

Action: Dean Brunton

**35. SANDLEHEATH VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT – ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (REPORT C).**

The Cabinet considered the Sandleheath Village Design Statement that had been developed to provide supplementary planning guidance as part of the Local Development Framework for the District outside the National Park. The Village Design Statement had been the subject of extensive research and consultation.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Sandleheath Village Design Statement, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report C to the Cabinet, be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.

Action: Andrew Herring

**36. DATES OF MEETINGS.****RESOLVED:**

That the following dates of meetings of the Cabinet in 2015/16 be agreed, all Wednesdays at 10.00 a.m.

3 June 2015	2 December 2015
1 July 2015	6 January 2016
5 August 2015	3 February 2016
2 September 2015	2 March 2016
7 October 2015	6 April 2016
4 November 2015	4 May 2016

CHAIRMAN