

To All Members of the Council

**COUNCIL - MONDAY, 8TH JULY, 2019**

Please find attached, for consideration at the Council meeting on Monday, 8th July, 2019, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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**Agenda No    Item**

5.    **Reports of Cabinet (Pages 1 - 4)**

To consider the reports of the Cabinet dated 5 June and 3 July 2019.



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## REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 5 June 2019)

### 1. LGA CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE – FOLLOW UP VISIT (MINUTE NO 4)

The Cabinet noted the LGA report and responses to the peer challenge follow up visit.

At the follow up visit the peer team spent two days onsite at the Council reviewing key documentation and speaking to over 35 members and officers to assess progress.

The Cabinet are pleased the peer challenge team found an “impressive pace of change” since their original visit. The emphasis on progress in financial matters, ICT, local plan and empowering staff are very encouraging.

### 2. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL (MINUTE NO 5)

The Cabinet agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group, chaired by the Leader of the Council to facilitate a collaborative dialogue between the Local Government Boundary Commission and the Council.

Initially the Commission will gather information from the Council, including electoral forecasts and other electoral data, before deciding how many Councillors should be elected to the Local Authority in the future. The Commission will then go on to consider warding arrangements for the Council. Implementation will take place in readiness for the elections in May 2023.

### 3. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (MINUTE NO 6)

The Cabinet agreed appointments to Outside Bodies, having given careful consideration to selecting the most appropriate representative, taking into account the nature of the appointment and other issues such as local representation and the relevant experience and expertise of the appointee.

**COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN  
CHAIRMAN**

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## REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 3 July 2019)

### 1. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND OUTTURN REPORT (MINUTE NO 10)

The Cabinet noted the following:-

- (a) The performance and achievements (appendix 1 of the report)
- (b) The key strategies in progress for 2019/20 (appendix 2 of the report)
- (c) The provisional General Fund outturn position (appendix 3 of the report)
- (d) The provisional outturn position of the Capital Programme (appendix 3 of the report)
- (e) The provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account (appendix 3)

Much of the focus for 2018/19 has been on the key strategies developed as part of the strategic framework whilst maintaining front service delivery in support of the corporate objectives and the annual budget. Performance continues to be maintained despite ongoing funding reductions.

This is the last Annual Performance and Provisional Budget Outturn report aligned to the current corporate plan. Work will be undertaken during 2019/20 to develop the Corporate Plan 2020-2024.

Cabinet endorse the good work undertaken and assure there is no complacency, as the Council looks to continuously maintain and improve performance.

### 2. HOUSING MAINTENANCE SERVICE REVIEW (MINUTE NO 11)

The Cabinet, having approved and endorsed the Housing Maintenance Service Review, is recommending the approval of the financial implications outlined in section 8 of the Cabinet Report to item 5 of the Cabinet agenda.

The recommendations arise from a detailed review of the Housing Maintenance Service which is responsible for maintaining the Council's housing stock which currently sits at over 5,000 properties, made up of tenanted houses, flats, hostels and schemes providing extra care. The review forms part of a wider fundamental review of all aspects of the Council's housing delivery.

Members of the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Cabinet fully support the proposals.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

***That the financial implications outlined in section 8 of the Cabinet Report to item 5 of the Cabinet agenda, be approved.***

### 3. COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND OVERRIDING EASEMENTS POLICY (MINUTE NO 12)

The Cabinet approved the commencement of a four week consultation on the draft Compulsory Purchase and Overriding Easements Policy.

The use of Compulsory Purchase Powers, together with a range of other powers is being encouraged by government to assist local planning authorities to speed up

housing delivery. Housing delivery will be a major challenge for the local planning authority going forward and there is a need to demonstrate and implement a proactive programme focused on delivering the housing numbers promoted in the Local Plan.

Whilst a compulsory purchase would not be entered into lightly, the policy enabled the Council to act in a timely and coherent fashion to encourage site allocation in the context of the Local Plan.

The outcome of the consultation will be reported to Cabinet for further consideration in due course.

**4. BALANCING THE BUDGET CONSULTATION – HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MINUTE NO 13)**

The Cabinet noted the consultation being undertaken by Hampshire County Council and requested that the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services submits a consultation response on behalf of the Cabinet before the deadline on 17 July 2019.

The consultation being undertaken by Hampshire County Council addresses a number of options identified by the County Council to address their budget deficit to the period 2022. The outcome of the consultation may have an impact on service delivery within the district and the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

The Cabinet will work with Hampshire County Council and our partners on any service delivery implications for the District Council and encourages the wider community to participate in the consultation.

**5. UK CITY OF CULTURE 2025 (MINUTE NO 14)**

Given the potential benefits for the New Forest's community and economy, the Cabinet supported the relevant Portfolio Holders engaging with Southampton City Council to discuss the City Council's UK City of Culture bid.

Cabinet commend this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase what the New Forest has to offer in respect of Arts and Culture.

**COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN  
CHAIRMAN**