

3 JUNE 2015

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cabinet

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 3 June 2015

* Cllr B Rickman (Chairman)

* Cllr E J Heron (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

* Mrs S V Beeton

* J E Binns

Councillors:

* Mrs J L Cleary

* J D Heron

*Present

In attendance:

Councillors:

Mrs D E Andrews

Mrs S M Bennison

G R Blunden

S J Clarke

Ms L C Ford

Councillors:

A T Glass

M R Harris

D Harrison

Mrs C V Ward

C A Wise

Also In Attendance

Mr G Walters - Tenant Cabinet Representative

Officers Attending:

Miss J Debnam, C Elliott, Mrs S Hamilton, R Jackson, J Mascall, Miss G O'Rourke, D Yates and Mrs J Stainer

Apologies

None were received from Members of the Cabinet.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2015 be confirmed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

5 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2014/15

The Cabinet considered an overview of the Council's performance and achievements, together with provisional financial outturn positions for the General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account over the last 12 months. Final figures would be presented to the Audit Committee later in the month.

The Council's direction and priorities had been determined by the Corporate Plan, adopted in June 2012, and performance had been evaluated against the key performance indicators that had been established. The simplified report format, adopted in 2014, included illustrative summaries of performance, together with summaries of significant innovations in key activity areas. Members welcomed the use of this illustrative format, which added interest to the presentation of this material, and had allowed clearer communication with customers and the Council's staff, who had contributed to the success.

The provisional outturn figures for the General Fund showed a saving of £662,000 against the original budget, with a significant proportion of that sum coming from increased income. Similarly, the Housing Revenue Account was showing a provisional improvement of £612,000 against the budget.

The Capital Programme had seen significant changes, with £1million additional funding being allocated for housing acquisitions, while the rephrasing of non-housing items had led to a saving for this year of £2.121 million.

Overall, the Council's performance and services to its customers had been maintained, despite continuing reductions in central government funding, while maintaining the same level of Council tax for the 6th year in succession. Nonetheless, the key indicators did demonstrate some of the pressures facing the Council, in particular with respect to homelessness and the provision of affordable homes for local people, which would be a priority under the Corporate Plan that would be developed to direct the Council's activities and priorities over the current 4 year term of office. This Annual Performance report was a useful tool in establishing the current position, from which to develop priorities for the future.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the performance and achievements set out in the Annual Report be noted;
- (b) That the provisional outturn position of the General Fund be noted:

- (c) That the provisional outturn position of the Capital Programme be noted; and
- (d) That the provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account be noted.

6 OUTSIDE BODIES

The Cabinet considered the appointments to be made to various outside bodies. The appointments were made for the 4 year term of office of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the appointments to outside bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes be agreed.

7 DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS

The Cabinet considered revisions to the scheme of delegation of powers to officers to take account of recent changes within the Planning and Transportation service.

RESOLVED:

That the scheme of delegation of powers to officers be updated as shown in the schedule attached as Appendix 1 to the report considered by the Cabinet at item 6.

Chairman

Outside Body	Role	Name
ArtSway		Cllr Mrs A M Rostand
Blashford Lakes Consultative Forum	Member for Forest North West Ward	Cllr W H Dow
Bleak Hill/Hamer Warren Consultative Forum	Members for the Forest North West & Downlands and Forest Wards	Cllr E J Heron and Cllr W H Dow
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee		Cllr W H Dow
Burgate School Fordingbridge Community Use Management Committee	Councillors (2) for Fordingbridge Ward	Cllrs Ms R Bellows and Miss A Sevier
Community First New Forest	Chairman of the Council	Cllr Mrs A J Hoare Cllr Mrs D E Andrews
Court of the University of Southampton	Portfolio Holder for Health and Leisure	Cllr J E Binns
Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership Panel	Member for Downlands and Forest Ward	Cllr E J Heron
District Councils' Network		Cllr E J Heron
Forest Arts Consultative Forum		Cllr B Rickman
Forest Forge Theatre Company	Substitute	Cllr Mrs A M Rostand Cllr Mrs C V Ward
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Government Association	Portfolio Holder - Leader Deputy Leader of the Council	Cllr B Rickman Cllr E J Heron
Hampshire Archives Trust		Cllr R A Wappet
Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust		Cllr A R Alvey

Outside Body	Role	Name
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel	Substitute (PFH Housing and Communities)	Cllr S J Clarke Cllr Mrs J L Cleary
Hanger Farm Arts Centre Consultative Committee		Cllr Mrs D M Brooks
Leader + Programme Decision Making Group	Portfolio Holder Leader Employment and Tourism Manager	Cllr B Rickman Mr A Climpson
Local Government Association		Cllr Mrs M D Holding
Local Government Association Coastal Issues Group	Portfolio Holder – Environment Chairman of Environment O&S Panel (Substitute)	Cllr Mrs S V Beeton Cllr Mrs F Carpenter
Lymington CofE (Aided) Infant School Community Room Management Committee		Cllr Mrs A M Rostand
Marchwood Energy from Waste Liaison Panel	Members (2) for Marchwood Ward	Cllr Mrs A J Hoare and Cllr Mrs S Bennison
New Forest Citizens' Advice Bureau	Substitute	Cllr A O'Sullivan Cllr Mrs D E Andrews
New Forest Enterprise Centre Ltd		Cllr C A Wise
New Forest Environmental Protection Liaison Committee	Environment O&S Panel Chairman Substitute	Cllr Mrs F Carpenter Cllr D M S Poole Cllr A T Glass Cllr D Harrison
New Forest Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board	Portfolio Holder - Health and Leisure	Cllr J E Binns
New Forest National Park Authority		Cllr R L Frampton Cllr Mrs P Jackman Cllr B Rickman Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth
New Forest Ninth Centenary Trust		Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth

Outside Body	Role	Name
New Forest Tourism Association Management Committee	Portfolio Holder- Leader	Cllr B Rickman
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire - Joint Board	Portfolio Holder - Planning and Transportation	Cllr E J Heron
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire - Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee		Cllr A T Glass
PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee (Car Parking)	Portfolio Holder - Planning and Transportation Deputy	Cllr E J Heron Cllr S J Clarke
Poulner Community Management Committee		Cllr J D Heron
Project Integra Strategic Board	Portfolio Holder - Environment Substitute PFH - Planning and Transportation	Cllr Mrs S V Beeton Cllr E J Heron
Ringwood Meeting House Trust		Cllr J D Heron
Road Safety Council - Central Hampshire Area	Substitute	Cllr L R Puttock Cllr A T Glass
Safer New Forest Partnership	Portfolio Holder- Housing and Communities	Cllr Mrs J L Cleary
Solent Forum	Coastal Engineering Manager	Cllr J M Olliff-Cooper Mr S Cook
Solent Sea Rescue		Cllr Alexis McEvoy
South East Employers	Substitute Substitute	Cllr C A Wise Cllr Mrs M D Holding Cllr M J Kendal Cllr J G Ward
Southampton Port Consultative Committee	Planning Policy Manager	Cllr Mrs A E McEvoy Mrs L Evans

Outside Body	Role	Name
Standing Conference on Problems associated with the Coastline		Cllr A R Alvey
Testwood Lakes Forum		Cllr L R Puttock
Tourism South East	Portfolio Holder - Leader	Cllr B Rickman
Waterside Gym Management Committee		Cllr Mrs A E McEvoy
Wessex Water Southern Customer Liaison Panel		Cllr W H Dow