

4 MAY 2016

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 4 May 2016

- * 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
G C Beck
Mrs S M Bennison
G R Blunden
S P Davies
Ms L C Ford
A T Glass

Councillors:

L E Harris
J M Olliff-Cooper
A K Penson
D N Tungate
Mrs C V Ward
M L White

Also In Attendance:

Mr G Waters, Tenant Cabinet Representative

Officers Attending:

R Jackson, Miss J Debnam, C Elliott, Mrs L Evans, Mrs S Hamilton,
Miss G O'Rourke, C Read and Mrs M Sandhu

Apologies:

None were received.

64 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr E Heron disclosed non pecuniary interests in minutes 67 and 69.

66 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

67 CRANBORNE CHASE AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Cllr E J Heron disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as the Council's appointee to the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership Board. He concluded that there were no grounds under common law to prevent him from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

The Cabinet considered whether this Council should continue to participate in the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership Agreement to cover the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020. Defra funded 75% of the cost of the partnership, with the constituent local authorities contributing to the remaining 25% of the cost in proportion to their area within the AONB. The Partnership Agreement would secure the delivery of the Management Plan for the Area, which included the Downlands around the villages of Martin, Damerham, Rockbourne and Whitsbury in this District. Members welcomed the recognition that this gave to the important landscapes in the north of the District.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder sign the Cranborne Chase AONB Partnership Agreement on behalf of this Council for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020.

68 HAMPSHIRE ALLIANCE FOR RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING (HARAH)

The Cabinet considered whether this authority should continue to participate in the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing for the period June 2016 to March 2020.

The Cabinet was pleased to note that a new development partner, "Hampshire Villages Homes" had been appointed. This was a consortium that included the New Forest Villages Housing Association. A number of high quality schemes, providing 26 dwellings, had already been built in villages in this District and it was hoped that the new development partner would be successful in bringing further schemes forwards.

RESOLVED:

That the Housing and Communities Portfolio Holder sign the HARAH Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of this Council to cover the period June 2016 to March 2020.

69 SAFER NEW FOREST PARTNERSHIP PLAN

Cllr E J Heron disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as the County Council's appointee to the New Forest Community Safety Partnership Board. He concluded that there were no grounds under common law to prevent him from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

The Cabinet considered the Annual Partnership Plan which had been produced by the New Forest Community Safety Partnership in response to the Strategic Assessment of prescribed information relating to crime and disorder in the area. The plan contained 8 priorities which had been identified for the forthcoming year, as set out in paragraph 2.1 of report item 6 considered by the Cabinet. This was supported by a detailed action plan which specified how these priorities would be delivered and how the partnership would meet its obligations to engage with the community.

It was noted that the operation of the Community Safety Partnership had been streamlined by combining the strategic and operational roles into one body. Members welcomed the improved efficiency of the operating arrangements and greater commitment from within the partnership to the delivery of the identified priorities. Members were advised that the New Forest Association of Local Councils had unanimously agreed to participate in the new arrangements.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Safer New Forest Partnership Plan 2016/17, as attached as an appendix to report item 6 considered by the Cabinet, be endorsed.

CHAIRMAN