

5 JUNE 2019

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 5 June 2019

- * Cllr Barry Rickman (Chairman)
- * Cllr Edward Heron (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

- * Diane Andrews
- * Jill Cleary
- * Michael Harris

Councillors:

- * Jeremy Heron
- * Alison Hoare
- * Mark Steele

*Present

In attendance:

Councillors:

Sue Bennison
Geoffrey Blunden
Jack Davies
Steve Davies
Jacqui England
Allan Glass
Andrew Gossage
David Harrison
David Hawkins

Councillors:

Christine Hopkins
Martyn Levitt
Neville Penman
Alvin Reid
Joe Reilly
Steve Rippon-Swaine
Derek Tipp
Christine Ward

Officers Attending:

Colin Read, Grainne O'Rourke, Manjit Sandhu, Alan Bethune, Rebecca Drummond, Matt Wisdom and Sara Hamilton.

Apologies

There were no apologies for absence received from Cabinet Members.

1 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2019, be confirmed and signed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests, or any other interests by Cabinet Members.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised during the public participation period.

**4 LGA CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE - FOLLOW UP VISIT
RESOLVED:**

That the LGA report and responses to the peer challenge follow up visit, be noted.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

As set out in the report.

KEY DECISION:

No.

PORTFOLIO:

Leader and Corporate Affairs.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

Cllr E Heron highlighted the robust challenge throughout the Peer Review process, particularly in respect of development, meeting targets through the Council's Housing Strategy and particularly affordable housing. Furthermore, a future focus, aided by the Council's ICT investment, would be to establish ways of working that made sure the views of residents were truly representative, including hard to reach groups.

Cabinet Members welcomed the progress and significant pace of change to meet the Council's ambitions.

**5 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the purpose and timetable set out for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to undertake their Electoral Review of New Forest District Council, be noted.
- (b) That a Task and Finish Group be established, chaired by the Leader of the Council and supported by Officers to facilitate a collaborative dialogue between the Commission and the Council.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

As set out in the report.

KEY DECISION:

No.

PORTFOLIO:

Leader and Corporate Affairs.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

Members noted that the Local Government Boundary Commission had advised that even without the Council's recent request, their normal timetable had identified that the New Forest was due for a review

Cllr E Heron welcomed the review and encouraged Members, through the Task and Finish Group process, to think carefully of the consequences and impact on communities within the New Forest. The opportunity to ensure community identities were preserved and enhanced by working proactively with the Local Government Boundary Commission was crucial to a successful review.

Cllr Rickman endorsed the comments made by Cabinet colleagues and highlighted the very special and unique nature of the New Forest with a complex mix of rural and urban communities.

6 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**RESOLVED:**

That the appointments to Outside Bodies as proposed in Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed, subject to the following amendments:-

Remove outside body – Poulner Community Management Committee.

Additional outside body – Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline – 1 representative, Cllr Alvey.

Employee Side Liaison Panel – 3 representatives. Leader of the Council – Cllr Rickman, Portfolio Holder for Finance – Cllr J Heron, Member of the HR Committee – Cllr Brand. Note – Portfolio Holder(s) may be invited to attend meetings of the Employee Side Liaison Panel, dependent on the nature of the business of each meeting.

Leader and Programme Decision Making Group – 1 representative – Leader of the Council – Cllr Rickman.

New Forest National Park Authority – 4 representatives – Cllrs Bennison, Rackham, Rickman and Sevier.

Bleak Hill/Hamer Warren Liaison Panel – replace to be confirmed with Cllr E Heron.

Forest Arts Consultative Forum – replace Leader of the Council – Cllr Rickman with Cllr S Davies.

Hanger Farm Arts Centre Consultative Committee – replace to be confirmed with Cllr Penman.

New Forest Citizens' Advice Bureau – replace to be confirmed with Cllr O'Sullivan and replace reserve to be confirmed with Cllr Crisell.

New Forest Ninth Centenary Trust – replace to be confirmed with Cllr Sevier.

Road Safety Council Central Hampshire Area – replace reserve to be confirmed with Cllr Carpenter.

Wessex Water Southern Customer Liaison Panel – replace to be confirmed with Cllr Lane.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

As set out in the report.

KEY DECISION:

No.

PORTFOLIO:

Leader and Corporate Affairs.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

Cllr Cleary moved the adoption of the amendments to the recommendations within the report and confirmed that a final copy of the list of Outside Bodies would be circulated to Members in due course.

Cllr Rickman placed on record his thanks to Cllrs Cleary and Harrison for ensuring all Outside Bodies were represented appropriately.

CHAIRMAN