

**3 JULY 2019**

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 3 July 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  
Steve Clarke  
Anne Corbridge  
Steve Davies  
Allan Glass  
David Hawkins  
Christine Hopkins

**Councillors:**

Martyn Levitt  
Alexis McEvoy  
Alan O'Sullivan  
Neville Penman  
Joe Reilly  
Steve Rippon-Swaine  
Ann Sevier

**Officers Attending:**

Rebecca Drummond, Sara Hamilton, Bob Jackson, Grainne O'Rourke, Sheryl Parry, Manjit Sandhu, Ritchie Thomson, Claire Upton-Brown, Matt Wisdom and Alan Bethune

**Apologies:**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Hoare.

**7 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2019, be confirmed and signed.

**8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no issues raised during the public participation period.

**10 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND OUTTURN REPORT**

**RESOLVED:**

That Cabinet:-

- (a) Note the performance and achievements as set out in Appendix 1;
- (b) Note the key strategies in progress for 2019/20 set out in Appendix 2;
- (c) Note the provisional General Fund outturn position set out in Appendix 3;
- (d) Note the provisional outturn position of the Capital Programme set out in Appendix 3; and
- (e) Note the provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account set out in Appendix 3.

**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:**

The Leader of the Council welcomed the report and highlighted that it had been considered by all Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

Cabinet endorsed the good work undertaken and emphasised that there was no complacency, as the Council looked to continuously maintain and improve performance.

**11 HOUSING MAINTENANCE SERVICE REVIEW**

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of the financial implications outlined in section 8 of the report.***

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

As set out in the report.

**KEY DECISION:**

Report to Cabinet and Full Council.

**PORTFOLIO:**

Housing Services.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:**

As set out in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services introduced the report and drew attention to the proposals arising from the Service Review in section 7.

In response to questions from Members, the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services clarified the rationale for bringing the team together at Appletree Court, to ensure a stronger interaction and co-ordination across the service.

The report and outcomes arising from the Service Review were fully endorsed.

**12 COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND OVERRIDING EASEMENTS POLICY**

**RESOLVED:**

That a four week consultation is undertaken on the draft Compulsory Purchase and Overriding Easements Policy and the outcome reported to Cabinet to decide on the adoption of the policy.

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

As set out in the report.

**KEY DECISION:**

No.

**PORTFOLIO:**

Planning and Infrastructure

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:**

As set out in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure introduced the report and highlighted the importance of the policy in the context of wider implications for 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.

The Cabinet would consider the outcome of the consultation in due course.

**13 BALANCING THE BUDGET CONSULTATION - HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

As set out in the report.

**KEY DECISION:**

No.

**PORTFOLIO:**

Finance, Investment and Corporate Services.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:**

As set out in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Investment and Corporate Services highlighted the predicted budget shortfall faced by Hampshire County Council, to the period 2022.

In addition to the Council responding to the consultation, residents and partners were also encouraged to do so.

**14 UK CITY OF CULTURE 2025**

**RESOLVED:**

That Cabinet support the relevant Portfolio holders engaging with Southampton City Council to discuss the City Council's UK City of Culture bid, and to express the Council's initial support for the bid.

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

As set out in the report.

**KEY DECISION:**

No.

**PORTFOLIOS:**

Community Affairs and Economic Development

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:**

As set out in the report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Leader of the Council welcomed the opportunity to support the initiative.

The Portfolio Holder for Community Affairs and Economic Development highlighted the fantastic opportunity to showcase what the New Forest has to offer in respect of Arts and Culture.

CHAIRMAN