

2 OCTOBER 2019

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 2 October 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
Anne Corbridge
Keith Craze
Steve Davies
Barry Dunning
Allan Glass

Councillors:

David Hawkins
Christine Hopkins
Neville Penman
Alvin Reid
Joe Reilly
Steve Rippon-Swaine
Christine Ward

Officers Attending:

Alan Bethune, Bob Jackson, Grainne O'Rourke, Colin Read, Manjit Sandhu, Claire Upton-Brown, Matt Wisdom and Kate Williams.

Apologies

There were no apologies for absence received from Cabinet Members.

31 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2019, be confirmed and signed.

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

33 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised during the public participation period.

34 WASTE AND RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS

The Leader of the Council informed Members of Hampshire County Council's plans for efficiency savings by 2021. This included three proposed changes to the current waste and recycling arrangements. Members were reminded that the District Council's responsibility is to collect waste and recycling materials and pass them over to the County Council who have the responsibility for disposal. The County Council currently have a contract with Veolia to carry this out on their behalf.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services detailed the impact of the changes, as follows:-

- Loss of income from the sale of mixed recycling, currently estimated to be worth £460,000 per annum to the District Council.
- Loss of income from recycling credits, currently estimated to be worth £220,000 per annum to the District Council.
- A new contamination charge, estimated to be an annual charge of £120,000.

These estimated amounts varied according to material market rates and tonnages and were based on 2017/18 budgets.

Members were informed that all three changes were proposed to commence in April 2021 and would be reflected in the District Council's Medium Term Financial Plan, to be considered by the Cabinet in November.

Looking ahead, the District Council continues to work with all Hampshire Districts and Boroughs, to assess the full implications of the proposed changes and the options that exist.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services expressed optimism for the opportunity to consider these changes in conjunction with the changes in waste and recycling policy announced by central government, through the work of the recently established Task and Finish Group on developing a new Waste Strategy for the District.

35 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL - COUNCIL SIZE SUBMISSION

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet recommends to Full Council that:-

- (a) the proposed Council Size submission on behalf of New Forest District Council (Appendix 1) be approved and submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England; and
- (b) authority be delegated to the Executive Head of Governance and Regulation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make further editing changes, corrections and updates to the document prior to submission.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

As set out in the report.

KEY DECISION:

No. Report to Cabinet and Full Council.

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 introduced the report and highlighted that warding arrangements would be considered as part of the second phase of the Electoral Review. This report concerned only the Council's official submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in respect of Council Size, that is, the total number of councillors elected to the authority from May 2023.

Members placed on record their thanks to the Task and Finish Group and supporting officers for their work in bringing forward the submission to Cabinet.

36 DATES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the following dates of meetings of the Cabinet, be agreed:-

All Wednesdays commencing at 10.00 am:-

3 June 2020	2 December 2020
1 July 2020	3 February 2021
5 August 2020	3 March 2021
2 September 2020	7 April 2021
7 October 2020	5 May 2021
4 November 2020	

CHAIRMAN