

3 NOVEMBER 2021

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 3 November 2021

* Cllr Edward Heron (Chairman)

* Cllr Jill Cleary (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

* Diane Andrews

* Steve Davies

* Michael Harris

Councillors:

Jeremy Heron

* David Russell

* Mark Steele

*Present

In attendance:

Councillors:

Anne Corbridge

Barry Dunning

Allan Glass

David Hawkins

Councillors:

Steve Rippon-Swaine

Malcolm Wade

Christine Ward

Officers Attending:

Colin Read, Alan Bethune, Chris Noble, Grainne O'Rourke, Manjit Sandhu,
James Smith, Claire Upton-Brown and Matt Wisdom.

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Cllr J Heron.

32 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2021, be confirmed and signed.

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

34 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised during the public participation period.

35 PARKING STANDARDS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet:-

- (a) agree that the draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) "Parking Standards" be published and subject to a six-week period (or equivalent) of public consultation; and
- (b) That prior to publication, the final editing of the draft document (attached in Appendix 1 to the report) be agreed by the Executive Head for Planning, Regeneration and the Economy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration and Infrastructure.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

As set out in the report.

KEY DECISION:

No.

PORTFOLIO:

Planning, Regeneration and Infrastructure.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

The Portfolio Holder introduced the report and highlighted that the item would be the subject of a six week consultation period. The SPD was a necessary guidance document and needed to strike the right balance for the district, particularly in respect of sustainability.

36 MAINTAINING WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

RESOLVED:

That the contingency plans in section 4 of the report, be agreed.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

As set out in the report.

KEY DECISION:

No.

PORTFOLIO:

Environment and Coastal Services.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

The Portfolio Holder introduced the report and reassured Members and the public that there were no immediate plans to change services. Residents were asked to continue as currently with their waste arrangements.

The Leader of the Council welcomed the contingency plan which was an honest appraisal of steps that might need to be taken to maintain service delivery.

Members of the Council recognised the dedication and resilience of Council officers in continuing service provision against the backdrop of numerous challenges.

37 FINANCIAL MONITORING

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the latest budget forecasts of the General Fund, Capital and Housing Revenue Account;
- (b) approves the Communications Service review, resulting in full year additional costs of approximately £50,000; and
- (c) approves the additional resources required in relation to Asbestos Management, resulting in full year additional costs of approximately £80,000 (with costs to be split between the HRA and General Fund accordingly).

REASONS FOR DECISION:

As set out in the report.

KEY DECISION:

No.

PORTFOLIO:

Finance, Investment and Corporate Services / All.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

In the absence of the Portfolio Holder, the Council's Section 151 Officer introduced the report and highlighted the budget variations.

The Leader of the Council, in response to comments on service continuity, highlighted the need to pursue service innovation and efficiencies to ensure that front line services were protected and enhanced into the future.

38 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODY - NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

RESOLVED:

That appointments to the New Forest National Park Authority, be agreed as follows, for the remainder of the four year term ending May 2023:-

Conservative (3)
Cllr Diane Andrews
Cllr Sue Bennison
Cllr Ann Sevier

Liberal Democrats (1)
Cllr Caroline Rackham

REASONS FOR DECISION:

As set out in the report.

KEY DECISION:

No.

PORTFOLIO:

Leader.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/REJECTED:

As set out in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST(S):

None.

DISCUSSION:

Note – Cllr Steele requested that his dissent from the resolution above, be recorded.

CHAIRMAN