

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 6 May 2020)

1. RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19 (MINUTE NO 80)

The Cabinet delivered a presentation on the Council's response to the Coronavirus – COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Portfolio Holder reported on the actions within their areas of responsibility to support the delivery of Government priorities as follows:-

- Supporting the most vulnerable in the community.
- Supporting local business and the local economy.
- Supporting the delivery of essential local public services.

The slides from the presentation are attached to the minutes of the Cabinet meeting.

2. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19 (MINUTE NO 81)

The Cabinet, having noted the financial implications set out in Cabinet Report 5 of the Cabinet Agenda, is recommending updates to the budget and Medium Term Financial Plan, which will be brought forward in detail at the Council meeting in September 2020.

The Council's 2020/21 budget and forward looking Medium Term Financial Plan agreed at the Council meeting in February 2020 have both been significantly impacted by COVID-19 and in due course the Council would need to review both of these issues.

RECOMMENDED:

(a) That the budget for 2020/21 be updated to take into account the emergency funding received and the new expenditure pressures and income losses being sustained by the Council; and

(b) That the Medium Term Financial Plan be updated to reflect the challenges to its delivery that have arisen as a result of COVID-19.

3. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL'S SHARED OWNERSHIP SCHEME (MINUTE NO 82)

The Cabinet, in supporting the many households in the District who were renting in the private sector and seeking to buy a home of their own, approved the implementation of a Shared Ownership Scheme based on the Shared Ownership Policy at Appendix 1 to Cabinet Report 6 of the Cabinet Agenda.

Under the scheme, households will be able to acquire a share in a property, anywhere between 25% to 75%. The scheme then promotes the opportunity, when affordable, for households to increase their share up to 100%.

4. ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL PLAN 2016-2036 PART ONE: PLANNING STRATEGY (MINUTE NO 83)

The Cabinet is recommending the adoption of the Local Plan 2016-2036 Part One: Planning Strategy, following the receipt of a sound Inspectors' Report, as a positive endorsement of the Council's development of the Local Plan.

The adoption will ensure that the Council has an up to date policy framework in place to guide future planning decisions within New Forest District, outside of the National Park.

The Cabinet, in considering this item, received a statement by Mr Bruce Tindall, Chairman of Pennington and Lymington Lanes Society (PALLS), which expressed concerns over the consultation and process with particular regard to site SS6. Cabinet noted that the points raised by the statement had been addressed at the Local Plan Examination stage and that the representations made by PALLS had not been accepted by the Inspector.

Cabinet would like to pay tribute to all the staff involved in the preparation of the Local Plan in what is a very challenging local area.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the Local Plan 2016-2036 Part One: Planning Strategy, as attached in Appendix 1 to Cabinet Report 7 of the Cabinet Agenda, be adopted as part of the Development Plan for the area;***
- (b) That the Local Plan Policies Map be updated to include the changes set out in Appendix 2 to Cabinet Report 7 of the Cabinet Agenda; and***
- (c) That authority is delegated to the Chief Planning Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure, to make any final editing changes considered appropriate to the document prior to final publication.***

Note – it is anticipated that the final Local Plan documents will be issued as a supplementary paper to the Council in advance of the meeting.

**COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN
CHAIRMAN**