

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 3 November 2021)

1. **PARKING STANDARDS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (MINUTE NO 35)**

The Cabinet, having considered the work of a Task and Finish Group, agreed that a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) be published for a six week period of consultation. The SPD concerns "Parking Standards", which will require new developments to contribute to the delivery of sustainable development, balancing the provision of car parking with key drivers such as climate change.

A balance needs to be struck between using valuable land for hard surface and parking in less sustainable locations and using less land for parking in sustainable locations where there is a choice to travel in other ways.

The Cabinet look forward to the outcome of the consultation.

2. **MAINTAINING WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES (MINUTE NO 36)**

The Cabinet reviewed a number of options for maintaining the delivery of waste and recycling collection services, in the event of further pressures on the service, caused by a number of factors. These include the national shortage of HGV drivers, staff turnover and sickness absences, COVID-19 isolations and increased tonnage of residual waste and recycling.

Cabinet Report 5 of the Cabinet Agenda outlines in detail the current status of services alongside two contingency options. The options prioritise weekly black and clear sack collections.

The Council continues to keep the matter under review, whilst also exploring the option of temporarily subcontracting the bulky waste collections service, to reinstate this service to the public which was currently suspended. It is important to note that there are no immediate plans to change services. Residents are asked to continue as currently with their waste arrangements.

The Cabinet commend the contingency plan as an honest appraisal of steps that might need to be taken to maintain service delivery.

3. **FINANCIAL MONITORING (MINUTE NO 37)**

The Cabinet, having noted the latest budget forecasts of the General Fund, Capital and Housing Revenue Account, approved two service reviews, in respect of the Communications Service resulting in in year costs of approximately £50,000, and the commitment of additional resources required to support asbestos management of approximately £80,000.

Changes reported in September showed an increase in forecast expenditure within the Capital programme, but movements within this latest report have brought this back more in line with the original budget.

The Council remains in a strong financial position as it heads into the final quarter of 2021/22.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODY – NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (MINUTE NO 38)

The Cabinet reviewed the Council's representatives on the New Forest National Park Authority, and gave effect to a new Conservative Group nomination. The appointments for the remainder of the four year term ending May 2023 were agreed as follows:-

Conservative (3)

Cllr Diane Andrews
Cllr Sue Bennison
Cllr Ann Sevier

Liberal Democrats (1)

Cllr Caroline Rackham

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