
CABINET

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Wednesday, 12 July 2017 from 7.00 pm - 7.21 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mike Cosgrove, Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Alan Horton, Gerry Lewin (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Ken Pugh and David Simmons.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Katherine Bescoby, Martyn Cassell, Victoria Hadfield, Zoe Kent, Donna Price, Mark Radford and Nick Vickers.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Mike Henderson, Bryan Mulhern and Roger Truelove.

APOLOGY: Councillor Bowles.

103 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

104 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2017 (Minute Nos. 26 – 32) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mike Cosgrove declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Minute No. 70 of the Swale Joint Transportation Board Minutes as he lived in Ospringe Place, Faversham.

106 RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME POLICY

Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities

Cabinet considered the report of the Interim Head of Commissioning and Customer Contact and the above Cabinet Member which outlined the current process applied to resident parking permit applications, and outlined proposals to strengthen policy to maintain good levels of parking availability within the residential parking zones. The Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities introduced the report and explained that the proposals would rationalise the current practice.

In response to comments, the Chairman advised that Planning would now have clear guidance to give to applicants. The Cabinet Member clarified that the policy applied to new properties created through development or conversion.

Resolved:

(1) That Cabinet agrees to a variation to Part K of the Kent County Council (various roads, Borough of Swale) (waiting restrictions and street parking places) (consolidation) order 2010 to make clear the policy that new properties created through development or conversion are excluded from the Resident's Parking Scheme.

(2) That delegation is given to the Head of Commissioning and Customer Contact and Head of Legal, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities, to undertake the variation with the inclusion of the statement 'any new applications to join the resident's parking scheme made as a result of new properties created through development or conversion will be declined as they are excluded from the Resident's Parking Scheme'.

(3) That Cabinet recognises that the revised wording of the Traffic Regulation Order to exclude resident parking permit applications for new developments or conversions will work in tandem with any revised Planning policy to ensure that all parties have a clear understanding of the criteria applied.

107 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT (CTS) SCHEME 2018/19**Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance**

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Resident's Services and the above Cabinet Member which recommended changes to the scheme in readiness for public consultation. The Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance introduced the report and emphasised the importance of public consultation.

Resolved:

(1) To note the work undertaken thus far, the options appraisals set out in Appendix I, and recommendation that any new CTS scheme should be based on the current scheme but with a series of potential modifications upon which we consult.

(2) That a consultation be launched on the potential introduction of a range of modifications to the current CTS scheme for working age claimants.

(3) That through the consultation, views will be sought on other ways of meeting the demands highlighted through the report other than changing the existing CTS scheme.

(4) To note the first stage Community Impact Assessment, and that a full Community Impact Assessment will be prepared and considered prior to any final decisions being taken.

(5) That delegated authority be given to the Revenues and Benefits Manager – Technical and Financial – to finalise the consultation material, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance.

108 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT - FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17**Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance**

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Financial Officer and the above Cabinet Member which set out the revenue and capital outturn position for 2016/17. The Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance introduced the report, advising that it had been considered by the Scrutiny Committee. Whilst the Committee did not make any recommendations, a number of technical questions had been raised (which had been responded to), and the report would be updated in the future to more clearly reference the figures in the recommendations to the supporting papers.

A Member asked a question as to when funds would be released for the Faversham Creek Basin Regeneration Project, now that the referendum had taken place and the Neighbourhood Plan approved. It was clarified that the Neighbourhood Plan had been formally accepted; funds would be released when requested by Kent County Council (KCC), who were currently going through the tender process for the project.

Resolved:

(1) That the gross revenue underspend on services of £1,419,100 (including £1,272,000 additional income) be noted.

(2) That the revenue service rollovers of £494,290 (including £241,390 due to roll forward of external funding, grants and use of additional income from 2016/17) and the setting up of new reserves as set out in Table 3 Appendix I be approved.

(3) That the revenue service bids of £248,100, as set out in Table 4 Appendix I, be approved.

(4) That the Chief Financial Officer be given delegated authority to allocate uncommitted underspends to reserve funds.

(5) That the capital rollovers of £1,875,853, as detailed in Table 9 Appendix 1, be approved.

109 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL HELD ON 20 JUNE 2017

Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Local Development Framework Panel meeting held on 20 June 2017.

Resolved:

(1) That the recommendations in Minute Nos. 42, 43, 44 and 45 of the Local Development Framework Panel Meeting be agreed.

110 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2017

Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting held on 26 June 2017.

In respect of Minute No.71(1), it was confirmed that this had been funded by the previous KCC Member for the area.

Resolved:

(1) That the recommendations in Minute Nos. 70, 71 and 72 of the Swale Joint Transportation Board Meeting be approved.

Chairman

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