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## **CABINET**

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**MINUTES** of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber - Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Wednesday, 26 September 2018 from 7.00pm - 7.38pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Sarah Aldridge, Bowles (Chairman), Mike Cosgrove, Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Alan Horton, Gerry Lewin (Vice-Chairman) and David Simmons.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Steph Curtis, Jo Millard, Donna Price, Mark Radford and Nick Vickers.

**239 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

**240 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2018 (Minute Nos.104 -117) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**241 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

**PART B MINUTES FOR DECISION BY CABINET**

**242 CCTV FUTURE SERVICE DELIVERY OPTIONS**

**Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities**

Cabinet considered the report of the Interim Economy and Community Services Manager and the above Cabinet Member, which gave an overview of the history of the existing CCTV service and findings from the reviews completed in 2018.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities advised that there were now approximately 50 CCTV cameras in Swale, mostly in the urban areas. He said that there was no statutory duty to provide CCTV, although it did contribute to the Council's Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 98 considerations, and the Police had advised they would not fund the service.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities spoke of the continuing advances in technology that would assist the CCTV system and advised that a CCTV strategy would be drafted and considered by the Policy Development and Review Committee.

In response to a question from a Member, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities clarified that the current Agreement expires in March 2019 and a year's notice was required to leave the partnership.

A Member asked that information was provided on any areas in the UK where Police did fund the CCTV service and whether advances in technology might encourage Police funding.

A Member thanked the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities and drew attention to the bullet points at 2.12 on page 3 of the report which highlighted the performance of the Medway Commercial Group.

There was a discussion around the use of CCTV in a current high profile national case and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities said that much of the footage from that case came from public transport or mobile transmission, not public CCTV. He added that the Police and Crime Commissioner had confirmed that there would be no financial contribution to the CCTV service, but had suggested Community Safety Partnership grant funding could be used. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities spoke of the improvement in digital images in the advancement of CCTV technology, and the role of the Community Safety Partnership and Wardens.

Finally, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities praised the Interim Economy and Community Services Manager for the clear report.

**Resolved:**

***(1) That a Public Space CCTV Strategy is created to ensure the service remains fit for purpose in the future.***

***(2) That the extension of the existing CCTV Partnership Memorandum of Agreement for 1 year to 31 March 2020 be agreed.***

**243 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT: APRIL - JUNE 2018**

**Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance**

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Financial Officer and the above Cabinet Member which showed the revenue and capital outturn activity for 2018/19 as at the end of June 2018.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance drew attention to the total revenue forecast underspend of £54,000. He advised it was early in the financial year to forecast but highlighted the additional costs incurred in the Homeless and Planning service resource, as well as the decrease in Government funding.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance highlighted the capital spend on the Sittingbourne Town Centre Regeneration scheme, and said that works were due to start on the cinema, restaurants and hotel in October 2019. He gave his assurance that every effort would be made to keep the revenue budget in the black by the end of the financial year.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance referred to the pilot scheme for the localisation of Business Rates and the Leader advised that the bid was agreed by Kent Leaders and Chief Executives the previous evening, to meet the deadline.

A Member referred to the significant increase in Homelessness costs and decrease in Central Government grants, and feared an increase in future spending.

A Member referred to 3.15 on page 11 of the report (Payment of Creditors) and congratulated the Chief Financial Officer and his team for achieving the bold target that was set.

**Resolved:**

**(1) That the projected revenue underspend on services of £54,000 (Table 1 refers) be noted.**

**(2) That the capital expenditure of £3,275,438 to end of June 2018 (Paragraph 3.13 and Table 4 Appendix I refers) be noted.**

**(3) That the participation of the Council in an application to be a business rate pilot in 2019/20 be approved, subject to confirmation of the scheme with a delegation to the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to agree the application.**

**244 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2018 - TO FOLLOW**

Cabinet considered the recommendations from Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting held on 10 September 2018.

**Resolved:**

**(1) That the recommendations in Minute Nos. 192 and 193 be noted.**

**245 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL PLAN PANEL HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2018 - TO FOLLOW**

Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Local Plan Panel meeting held on 20 September 2018.

**Resolved:**

**(1) That the recommendations in Minute Nos. 224, 225 and 226 be noted.**

Chairman

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