



Buckinghamshire County Council

Minutes

Cabinet

AGENDA ITEM: 3

Date: 18 December 2000

Venue: Mezzanine Room 1, County Hall, Aylesbury

Time: 11.00 am to 12.15 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr D A C Shakespeare (in the Chair)

Mrs M A M Aston, Mr M C Appleyard, Mr R H StG Carey, Mr W J Y Chapple,
Mrs P M A Dewar, Mr R S Royston, Mr M W Taylor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R H StG Carey declared an interest in item on Service and Budget Planning as a Governor of the Royal Latin School.

1 Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 4 December 2000, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed.

2 Minutes of the Strategy Panel

The minutes of the Strategy Panel held on 15 November 2000 were received.

3 Service and Budget Planning – 2001/02

The Leader of the Council introduced his report which updated Members on the progress so far on Service and Budget Planning for the year 2001/02 and outlined the next steps.

The Cabinet also discussed a set of Draft Strategic Aims in the form tabled by the Deputy Leader as an update to those included in the agenda papers.

During discussion a number of points were made.

The Cabinet agreed that the wording of the draft aims should be revised by the Leader of the Council in light of these comments, before consultation. The Policy Directions under each Strategic Aim would be looked at in detail by each Cabinet Member, and again agreed by the Leader as a basis for consultation.

Revenue and Capital Budget

During discussion Cabinet Members expressed concern regarding the additional funding required for the NHS Plan as no extra provision had been made by the Government. It was agreed that the Cabinet Member for Care Services for Adults should seek a meeting with the relevant Government Minister on this issue.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation expressed concern about the recent flooding and the possible increase in the cost of public transport contracts which could affect next year's budget.

Cabinet Members were asked to finalise and agree individual service plans within their portfolio areas, once the final budget recommendations had been made by the Cabinet on 5 February 2001.

Consultation

The Deputy Leader proposed that four area-based meetings and a Countywide meeting be arranged to which a cross section of stakeholders from all service areas were invited. A leaflet would also be produced and a small public attitude survey would be commissioned to test views on key aspects of the budget proposals.

Resolved

- 1 That Cabinet Members and Policy Advisory Groups finalise their Strategic Aims, Policy Directions and Budget proposals for consideration by the Cabinet meeting on 5 February 2001.**
- 2 That the Corporate Performance Select Committee be asked to consider and comment on the developing proposals, again for consideration by the Cabinet on 5 February 2001**
- 3 That a consultation programme, as described in Section 3 of the report, be agreed.**
- 4 That Cabinet Members and General Managers be asked to begin to develop portfolio work programmes for implementing the Policy Directions.**
- 4 Cabinet Forward Plan**

The Cabinet received the second draft of the Cabinet's Forward Plan.

The following points were made:-

- It was agreed that the Regional Planning Guidance Housing Consultation should be considered by Cabinet on 5 February 2001 not 22 January.

- The Early Years Development Plan would be discussed by Cabinet in February not January.

5 Portfolio Roundup

- The Best Value Working Group would be reconstituted with a revised membership into a new Policy Advisory Group within the Deputy Leader's portfolio.
- The Cabinet Member for Community Services would seek a meeting with the Chief Constable. As police and enforcement issues affect a number of portfolios, Cabinet Members were asked to consider and put forward any items they wished to be raised with the Chief Constable.
- The Cabinet Member for Care Services for Adults would act as lead cabinet contact with the Health Authority.

6 Minutes of the Service Committees

The Cabinet formally received the Minutes of the Service Committees from their last round of meetings, including the confidential Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee.

**MR D A C SHAKESPEARE
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**