

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Wednesday 12 September 2018



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Wednesday 12 September 2018** :-

1. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

(a) Decision(s)

That the Anti Social Behaviour Policy be approved and adopted.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

The policy will set out the parameters for staff to deal with Anti Social Behaviour cases in a timely and professional manner. This will also make the processes and procedures clear for residents and partners.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

Not to approve a policy. However, this was not recommended as it would leave the process for dealing with Anti Social Behaviour cases open to misinterpretation.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living. That Committee had already considered the report submitted to Cabinet and its comments were taken fully into account in approving the policy and any changes suggested by the Committee had been incorporated in the policy document.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

2. LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS (LEP) REVIEW

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That the Economy and Business Development Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their consideration and the feedback provided on the LEP review.
- (2) That a response be submitted to Government on behalf of this Council that it is AVDC's preferred option to remain a member of SEMLEP and to remove itself from the BTVLEP. This option represented the strongest strategic alignment and rationale regarding functional economic geographies for Aylesbury Vale.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

To respond to the Government review on the best way forward for LEP arrangements in Aylesbury Vale.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

Not to respond to the LEP Review. However, overlapping geographies emerged when LEPs were first formed on a voluntary basis in 2011 and AVDC is currently a member of two LEPs. It is important that the national review is informed on the local view on what is the best way forward for LEP arrangements in Aylesbury Vale.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Business Development. That Committee had already considered the report submitted to Cabinet and the Committee Chairman elaborated upon the Committee's deliberations. The Committee had seen value in the work carried out by both LEPs in Aylesbury Vale and the positive relationship the Council had with them. Members had felt that a balance needed to be struck between being part of an LEP that was large enough to be relevant and exert influence, but not too large for AVDC to lose local influence and identity. These comments were taken into account during Cabinet's discussions. Cabinet was convinced that remaining a member of SEMLEP and removing itself from the BTVLEP was in the Council's best interests.

Comments on the Government's consultation had to be submitted by the end of September, and having been considered fully by the Scrutiny Committee, this matter is not subject to call-in.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

Councillor Bowles declared a personal interest in this item as Vice-Chairman of BTVLEP.

3. OUR VALE FUNDING

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That approval be given for £50,000 of existing New Homes Bonus funding be ring-fenced for use through the 'Our Vale' crowdfunding platform to facilitate access to NHB funding and enable, encourage and support community fulfilment projects.

- (2) That the Assistant Director for Community Fulfilment be authorised, after consultation with the Cabinet Members for Civic Amenities and Finance and Resources, to administer the fund distribution in accordance with the funding criteria.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

To support local people to bring forward crowdfunding projects. Evidence shows that relying on national funding pots alone, with no local fund, leads to an approximate 52% project success rate. However, with a local fund in place that success rate can rise to 80%.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

Do nothing. However, this risks limiting the overall impact of the initiative as certain projects which are eligible for current AVDC funding, NHB and Section 106, would be unable to match the timescales required for applications with their Our Vale crowdfunding.

Additionally, not having a local funded based in the Vale leaves projects dependent on highly competitive and harder to obtain national funds.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services Scrutiny Committee.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

4. STREET AND HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their consideration and feedback on the Street Cleansing and Horticultural Services contract.
- (2) That full Council be recommended to approve Delivery Option 1.A as evaluated and identified in the confidential section of the Cabinet report, as the preferred option for the future service delivery of Street Cleansing and Horticultural Services, from 2020.
- (3) That, subject to recommendation (2) being approved by full Council, it be noted that a funding proposal relating to the approved option will be developed and then reported to Cabinet and Council as part of the Capital Programme Update 2019/20 to 2022/23.

(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)

So that arrangements can be put in place when the existing street cleansing and horticulture contract ends in January 2020.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

These are covered in the confidential report.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living. That Committee had already considered the report submitted to Cabinet and its comments were taken fully into account in recommending a preferred option to full Council. That Committee had expressed a preference for option 1.A. Cabinet's recommendations will now be submitted to Council and as such are not subject to call-in.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

CALL-IN TIMESCALES

Any requests for call-in must be received by the Democratic Manager by 5pm on Thursday 20 September 2018. The request must be made by the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee or any 3 Members of that Scrutiny Committee.

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