

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 16 October 2018



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 16 October 2018** :-

1. **NEW HOMES BONUS REPORT**

(a) **Decision(s)**

That the recommendations of the informal NHB Grants Panel, as set out in the Appendix to the Cabinet report be approved and adopted.

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

The grants proposed accord with the criteria set by the Council. The initiative is designed to alleviate the impacts of housing growth on local communities.

(c) **Alternative Options Considered**

Either not to approve the Grants Panel's recommendations or to approve some or all in part. Cabinet was however satisfied with the rationale applied by the Grants Panel.

(d) **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services.

(e) **Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)**

Councillors Bowles, Mrs Paternoster, Strachan and Sir Beville Stanier declared personal interests as local Members for some of the Parishes awarded a grant.

2. EMPTY HOMES POLICY

(a) Decision(s)

That the Empty Homes Policy appended to the Cabinet report be approved and adopted.

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

To enable a clear and consistent approach to be taken to the manner in which empty homes are dealt with in Aylesbury Vale.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

Not to approve the policy, but this would be inconsistent with the Council's stated objectives to explore and implement innovative approaches to reducing the impact of empty homes on local communities.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living. That Committee has considered the report and is supportive of the policy.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

3. CONCESSIONARY TRANSPORT REVIEW

(a) Decision(s)

That some of the current funding, to be determined as part of the budget setting process, be retained in the budget for a time limited period for the purpose of providing pump priming funding (not revenue costs) for new or existing community transport schemes, the process and criteria to be decided upon the outcome of discussions with other partners.

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

To maintain if possible some form of community transport provision following the removal of the tokens scheme.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

To cease discretionary transport provision entirely. However, Cabinet felt that it would be appropriate to explore other options, as referred to above.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living. That Committee has considered this issue and is of the view that the option now being proposed by Cabinet would be the most appropriate but that if this proves unsuccessful, then the token scheme should be ceased.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

Councillor Irwin declared a personal interest in view of his association with a particular community transport scheme within the District.

4. CAR PARKING STRATEGY

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That the phasing of those items referred to in the Cabinet report, recommended by the Economy and Business Development Scrutiny Committee be approved.
- (2) That the proposed metrics set out on page 50 of Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report, taking account of the feedback from the Scrutiny Committee that the metric to measure customer satisfaction should not be introduced until after the improvements had been carried out, be agreed.
- (3) That Council be recommended to approve and adopt:-
 - (a) The Car Parking Strategy set out in Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report.
 - (b) The phase one and two recommendations set out in Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report, and in particular:-
 - The recommendation (SM1) to set up a joint delivery board with Bucks County Council to oversee the delivery of the Strategy.
 - The proposed capital investment of approximately £400K (estimate by ARUPS), to upgrade the payment options (OM6).
- (4) That Council be asked to note that there might be a further request for capital expenditure to upgrade payment equipment in AVDC car parks in other towns, once the draft strategies for parking in Buckingham, Wendover and Winslow had been received.

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

To implement a policy which is responsive to the needs of different groups and customers, positively contributes to the local economy and regeneration, introduces a sustainable and efficient parking management model, enhances the local environment, integrates effectively with wider policies and plans and which is resilient to future change.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

The options are contained in the appendix to the Cabinet report which can be viewed in full on the Council's web site.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Business Development. That Committee has had an opportunity to consider the matter and its views are set out in full in the Cabinet report and which were adopted taken into by Cabinet.

Cabinet's recommendations will be considered by full Council and as such, are not subject to call-in.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

5. TO REVISE THE CHILTERNS CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

(a) Decision(s)

- (1) That the revised Constitution of Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee be approved and adopted, subject to the agreement of the other constituent authorities.
- (2) That the Lead Legal and Monitoring Officer, after consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, be given delegated authority to make any minor amendments that might be necessary.

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

To extend the Joint Committee's powers to administer additional crematoria. The opportunity has also been taken to incorporate provisions in relation to asset disposal and the sharing of surpluses on dissolution, which are not covered in the existing constitution.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

None as such.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Finance and Services.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

As the Council's representatives on the Joint Committee, Councillors Ward and Mordue each declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting whilst the matter was discussed.

6. CONSULTATION ON CLOSURE OF HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES

(a) Decision(s)

That officers be instructed to prepare a formal response after consultation with the Cabinet for Waste and Licensing to be sent to Buckinghamshire along the lines of the dialogue included in the Cabinet report and in particular:-

- Expressing concern that the constituent authorities making up the Bucks Waste Partnership have not had an opportunity to view the analyses of the research leading up to the County Council's proposals.
- Expressing concern that the proposals appear to have no regard for the significant growth of the District which would require the retention of adequate facilities for the disposal of both general and recycling waste.
- Expressing concern that the strong possibility of the proposals leading to an increase in the incidence of fly tipping which would result in additional removal and disposal costs to waste collection authorities within the County

have not been properly factored into the proposals.

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

Cabinet does not feel that all the impacts of the County Council's proposals have been satisfactorily addressed.

(c) Alternative Options Considered

None as such.

(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Living.

(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

CALL-IN TIMESCALES

Any requests for call-in must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 5pm on Thursday 25 October 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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