

# CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 17 December 2019



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 17 December 2019** :-

## 1. **RISK, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT**

### (a) **Decisions**

Having made a number of general comments, including those referred to below Cabinet noted the reports on finance, performance, the risk register:-

- The need to ensure harmonisation of the risk register with those of the other authorities that would make up the new Buckinghamshire authority.
- To include reference in the risk register to the improvement notice served on a particular property in Aylesbury (in the wake of the Grenfell fire).
- To remove reference to SEMLEP, given the move to a unitary authority.
- To note that the Bucks Growth Board was still in its infancy.
- To amend the wording in item 5 relating to growth to make it clear that there was clarity around the planning issues impacting the Vale.
- The need to continue contingency planning for a “no deal” Brexit.
- In relation to the Corporate Plan, to ensure that the importance of Aylesbury Vale as the birth place of the Paralympics was brought to the attention of the new Buckinghamshire Council and to promote to that authority the need to continue funding the Flame Lighting Ceremony and other community events which had been successfully promoted by AVDC.
- The need for clarity around the data relating to the delivery of affordable homes.
- To ensure the continuance of the programme of review of Conservation Areas.

### (b) **Reasons for decision**

To allow Cabinet to review the overall position and comment on progress and targets.

### (c) **Alternative Options Considered**

None.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. That Committee received a similar report on 11 November 2019 and noted the position.

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

None.

**2. AYLESBURY VALE ESTATES BUSINESS PLAN**

**(a) Decision(s)**

- (1) That it be noted that on 1 April, 2020 the AVDC shareholding in AVE LLP would transfer to the new Buckinghamshire Council alongside the Members' Agreement and Loan Agreement, which together set out how the joint vehicle operated.
- (2) That, subject to any views the Economy and Business Development Committee may have, the draft business plan (set out in detail in the confidential section of the Cabinet agenda) for the period 2020 – 2023 be approved.
- (3) That the views of the Economy and Business Development Scrutiny Committee be sought formally at its meeting on 21 January 2020 and that these be reported back to Cabinet at its February meeting.

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

To inform Cabinet of the future of AVE LLP following the coming into being of the new unitary authority and to enable the draft business plan to be reviewed in accordance with the Agreement with AVE, and pass comments to the asset managers. It was appreciated that there would need to be a similar report in due course to the new unitary authority.

Although approving the business plan, Cabinet commented on a number of specific issues, and in particular the propensity of AVE to dispose of assets for generating capital receipts as opposed to taking more opportunities to invest in on-going income generation.

**(c) Alternative Options Considered**

None

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Business Development. That Committee would receive a similar report at its meeting in January 2020.

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

As Directors on the Board of AVE, Councillor Mrs Ward and The Assistant Director responsible for property and regeneration each declared a prejudicial interest in this item and having remained to answer technical and general questions in relation to the Company's activities, they left the meeting whilst Cabinet considered this matter.

## **CALL-IN TIMESCALES**

Any requests for call-in must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 5pm on Monday 30 December 2019. 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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