

# Decisions

# Cabinet

8 December 2014

## **ITEM 1: Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

## **ITEM 2: Declarations of Interest**

The Leader welcomed Lin Hazell back to Cabinet as the new Cabinet Member for Children's Services (The Cabinet Member). Under Item 8 the Cabinet Member declared that she was previously Chairman of the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee and that she had been a member of the GP Services Inquiry Working Group.

## **ITEM 3: Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2014 were agreed as a correct record after 'work' had been added to the third sentence which was revised to read as 'The Leader thanked the Cabinet Member for all her hard work over the last 12 months and added that she had made a major contribution to the service.'

## **ITEM 4: Hot Topics**

The following hot topics were discussed:

- The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing reported that at the end of November she and the Leader were present at the opening of Stokebury in Old Amersham which is a new facility for people who are recovering from an episode of mental health. This was the last part of the Home Options Programme which has provided 87 places 13 more than originally envisaged and was a fantastic facility especially for people with asbergers syndrome and autism. The Cabinet Member was pleased that 20 new self-contained flatlets were providing a permanent home for the service users who were happy with their new homes. The Cabinet Member considered that this was an excellent example of what has been done in Buckinghamshire for some of the most vulnerable residents. The Leader was delighted by how happy the residents were with the facilities and he congratulated the Team and thanked the Cabinet Member for the invitation.
- The Leader reported that Sunday had seen the first opening to the public, in about twenty seven years, of the original Old County Hall in the Market Square. He explained



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that two of the main rooms were being restored under Phase One of an extensive restoration programme. More would be restored in the coming months. In addition, at the back, the old Porters Lodge had been refurbished and was being offered as low cost start-up offices/studios/workshops for small businesses in the Aylesbury and Buckinghamshire area. This was one example of how the County Council was trying to generate new business growth and to give an opportunity to residents in the county to start their own businesses. Information was available about how to take up the new units under the title '@Porters Lodge' on twitter.

**ITEM 5: Question Time**

There were no questions asked.

**ITEM 6: Scanning and Planning**

Cabinet noted the Cabinet Forward Plan, Select Committees Work Programme, Rights of Way Committee Definitive Map Schedule and Progress on Planning Applications.

**ITEM 7: Cabinet Member Decisions**

The report was noted.

**ITEM 8: Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee GP Services Inquiry: Final Report**

Cabinet received the report of the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee GP Services Inquiry.

**Cabinet NOTED the report and no response was required.**

**ITEM 9: Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2015/16 to 2018/19**

Cabinet received the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources setting out the draft revenue and capital budgets for 2015/16 to 2017/18.

**RESOLVED**

**Cabinet:-**

**Approved the Strategic Plan and the Revenue and Capital budgets for wider consideration by the Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee and other interested parties such as the business community and partner agencies in Buckinghamshire.**

**ITEM 10: The Council's Operating Framework**

Cabinet received the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources asking them to agree the Council's Operating Framework with minor amendments detailed below:

**RESOLVED**

- 1. Cabinet agreed the Council's Operating Framework with minor amendments which comes into effect on 1 April 2015.**
- 2. That any subsequent changes to the Operating Framework are either a key decision of Cabinet or the Leader in consultation with relevant Cabinet Members as appropriate.**

## Key Changes Replacement Text to Chapter 6 Operating Framework V30

- A new BU will provide Shared Services where there is a value for money proposition for council-wide delivery.
- Those services will continue to be provided in-house and purchased by other BUs for an initial transition period up until 31 March 2016; providing time for transforming those services to commercial standards (this is a 2-year 'buy back' starting from the date at which the Future Shape Business Plan was agreed in March 2014. See Appendix 1 for further details).\*

\*subject to a business case demonstrating the potential impact on the rest of the organisation and the formal agreement of the One Council Board and sign off by the Leader of the Council.

- External Delivery Units will be required to contract with the Shared Services BU for provision of Shares Services for a minimum of six months from the start of the operation or until 31 March 2016, whichever is the later date.

### **ITEM 11: Action Plan to reduce overspends**

Cabinet received the report of the Action Plan to reduce overspends.

### **RESOLVED**

**Cabinet agreed the recommendation that the action plans continue to be monitored on a monthly basis.**

### **ITEM 12: Date of the Next Meeting**

12 January 2015.

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