

Decisions

Cabinet

24 April 2017

ITEM 1: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr M Shaw. Mr P Irwin attended as a substitute.

ITEM 2: Declarations of Interest

It was noted that Purdah would be in effect 27 March to 4 May 2017 due to local elections. It was also noted that Purdah would continue until the General Election on 8 June 2017.

ITEM 3: Minutes

Two items were asked to be changed in the minutes from the meeting held on 27 March 2017.

Hot Topics

Clarification that the update referred to one new food sharing app and not two

Performance Review – Update from Cabinet Member for Resources

Clarification that the final bullet point should read 2nd lift refurbishment and not 2nd floor

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 were agreed to be an accurate record (with the changes above) and signed by the Chairman.

ITEM 4: Hot Topics

Cabinet's attention was brought to the following:

- Mr D Johnston, Managing Director of Children's Social Care & Learning was leaving the authority. Cabinet thanked him for his significant contribution, in particular to the Children's Improvement Programme
- Cabinet welcomed the Interim Managing Director of Children's Social Care & Learning, Mrs G Rhodes White
- Mr W Whyte had attended the recent meeting of the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee where a 25 year plan for land drainage, growth and making space for water had been agreed

ITEM 5: Question Time

Mr R Stuchbury asked about the plans for joint working and engagement with Parish Councils in relation to the unitary proposals, and particularly in relation to contributions to Section 106 and how it is used.

Mr M Tett advised that with County Council elections and following the announcement of the General election in June, a decision on the Unitary proposals was not expected until after the election period. It was also noted that there were ongoing discussions with Parish Councils about options for future joint working arrangements.

Mr Tett also noted that there was enormous pressure on Section 106 funding for infrastructure and there were restrictions as to what it could be spent on.

ITEM 6: Forward Plan for Cabinet and Cabinet Members

Cabinet noted the report.

ITEM 7: Cabinet Member Decisions

Cabinet noted the report.

ITEM 8: Select Committee Work Programme & Inquiry Work Programme

Cabinet noted the report.

ITEM 9: Children's Home - Local Provision

Cabinet received and discussed the report on local provision of Children's Homes.

RESOLVED: The Cabinet agreed the recommendations to:

- 1) Approve the business case for the provision of additional residential places for children in Buckinghamshire; and**
- 2) Agree to prudentially borrow up to a value of £2m to fund the additional property purchases.**
- 3) Delegate to the Cabinet Member for Resources, in agreement with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, the authority to purchase properties and carry out improvement works as required funded by prudential borrowing up to an overall value of £2m**

ITEM 10: Children's Improvement Programme Update

The Cabinet received and discussed the update report for the Children's Improvement plan.

RESOLVED: Cabinet noted the report and requested that quarterly updates be added to the forward plan.

ACTION: Member Services

ITEM 11: Hospital Discharge Inquiry report

Cabinet received and discussed the report on the Health and Social Care Select Committee Hospital Discharge inquiry and reviewed the draft response.

RESOLVED: Cabinet AGREED the Cabinet Member response to the recommendations.

ITEM 12: Sustainable School Travel in Buckinghamshire

Cabinet received and discussed the report on the Transport, Economy and Environment Select Committee Sustainable School Travel inquiry and reviewed the draft response.

RESOLVED: Cabinet AGREED the Cabinet Member response to the recommendations.

ITEM 13: Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded for the following item which is exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

ITEM 14: Confidential Minutes

Confidential minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

ITEM 15: Date of the Next Meeting

5 June 2017.

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