

CABINET

Meeting - 25 November 2014

Present: Mr Busby, Mr Naylor, Mr D Smith and Mrs Woolveridge

Apologies for absence: Mr Reed and Mrs Cranmer

25. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 October 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Leader.

26. BUDGET 2015/16 AND LATER YEARS

The Cabinet considered a report which set out the main factors behind the draft revenue budget that would be reviewed in detail by the PAGs and outlined the main issues affecting the Council's future financial position.

Paragraph 5.6 of the report, summarised the draft revenue budget for 2015/16 which would be the basis of the more detailed expenditure budgets to be reviewed by the PAGs over the next two months. The Cabinet noted that the draft budget had a working assumption of a nil increase in council tax and that although the budget was in balance at this stage, this could change as the budget is being finalised. It was also noted that the impact of a number of major externally generated infrastructure projects, including HS2, the Government's Aviation Review and the proposed Western Rail access to Heathrow, would need to be considered in relation to the 2015/16 budget and what provision if any should be made to cover potential costs.

The Cabinet particularly noted that the situation going forward after 2015/16 would be more challenging due to a number of factors as set out in paragraph 5.10 of the report, Appendix B of which set out the potential worst case scenario.

After noting the key strategic and financial risks facing the Council in the medium term, the Cabinet were advised of the next steps in the budget process.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

27. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Cabinet received the minutes of the Sustainable Development Policy Advisory Group on 15 October 2014.

28. PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 2

The Cabinet considered a report showing the performance of Council services against performance indicators during the period April – September 2014 and in particular performance in relation to:

- Priority Performance Indicators;
- Performance and Service objectives across the Council;
- The Leader's Portfolio and the Portfolios of other Cabinet Members; and
- Key operational risks and controls put in place to mitigate risks

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The following appendices were attached to the report:

- Appendix A – Providing an overview of priority monthly indicators;
- Appendix B – Quarterly corporate performance Indicator report;
- Appendix C – Service actions report - providing an overview of the service areas' progress towards completing actions and projects – to be found on the intranet underneath Performance Reports on the A-Z.

Of the 18 priority indicators, one of which was a data only indicator for information, 12 were on target and 5 were off target as at the end of September 2014.

RESOLVED that the Performance Management Quarterly Report for the period April – September 2014 be noted.

29. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1974 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business in the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

30. **MINUTES**

The Part II minutes of the Cabinet held on 14 October 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Leader.

The meeting terminated at 6.25 pm