

Cabinet Minutes

Date: 14 July 2014

Time: 7.00 - 7.24 pm

PRESENT: Councillor R J Scott (Executive Leader of the Council - in the Chair)

Councillor Mrs J A Adey	- Cabinet Member for Community
Councillor M A Foster	- Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor A R Green	- Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration
Councillor M Hussain JP	- Cabinet Member for HR, ICT & Customer Services
Councillor H L McCarthy	- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategy
Councillor Mrs J E Teesdale	- Cabinet Member for Environment

By Invitation

Councillor I Bates	- Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor R Gaffney	- Chairman of the Improvement & Review Commission
Councillor B R Pollock JP	- Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

Also present: Councillors Z Ahmed, D A Johncock, R Metcalfe and P R Turner

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W Bendyshe-Brown (Deputy Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration), N Marshall (Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainability) and A Turner (Leader of the Independent Group).

13 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 June 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Green declared an other interest in Minute 17 by virtue of his position as a trustee of the Wycombe Heritage & Arts Trust.

15 HWTC REFERRAL - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING IN THE UNPARISHED WARDS

The report before Cabinet set out the recommendation from the High Wycombe Town Committee that the Committee's allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds from developments in the unparished wards should be increased from 15% to 25%. The High Wycombe Town Committee had made the recommendation at its meeting on 10 June 2014.

During discussions, Cabinet concluded that with the absence of any adopted neighbourhood development plans with the required infrastructure planning in place, raising the allocation of CIL funds available to the High Wycombe Town Committee could have a detrimental impact on the delivery of more strategic and larger than local infrastructure.

Therefore it was:

RESOLVED: That the recommendation be refused. With no adopted neighbourhood development plans with the required infrastructure planning in place to underpin these, raising the CIL allocation would undermine the funding and delivery of more strategic and larger local infrastructure as set out in the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

16 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR WYCOMBE DISTRICT 2013 - 2031

Cabinet approval was sought to agree the recommendations of the Wycombe Partnership in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategy. Wycombe Partnership had carried out a refresh of the 2009 Sustainable Community Strategy for Wycombe District which included data from the 2011 Census, the Council's 2012 Residents' survey and changes to partnership working in Buckinghamshire that came in to force in 2009. The Strategy timetable for the long-term vision of the district had also been amended from 2026 to 2031 to reflect the new Local Plan. It was noted that the five themes established in 2009 had been retained and the amendments to the Strategy were supported by partners and formed the basis of the Council's partnership working.

The following recommendations were made to meet the Council's statutory duty under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007.

Recommended: That (i) the Sustainable Community Strategy for Wycombe District set out in Appendix A of the report on the recommendation of the Wycombe Partnership be approved; and

(ii) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to agree any final changes required prior to publication.

17 WYCOMBE MUSEUM - THE WAY FORWARD

Cabinet was reminded that at its meeting on 16 June 2014, it had made the decision to cease the funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund in respect of relocating the Museum; subject to a review of the project. The report before Cabinet summarised the options reviewed and detailed the proposed way forward for the project.

Members had considered the proposed options including the improvements required within the current service and concluded that the Museum should remain at Castle Hill House.

The following recommendations were made to enable a decision to be made on the future of the Museum.

Recommended: That (i) the continuation of the Museum at Castle Hill House be supported and a works budget of £257k for improvements to the Museum and grounds be approved and released; and that the procurement of the programme of works be approved; and

(ii) work to continue to transfer the Castle Hill House Museum to the Wycombe Heritage and Arts Trust be agreed, and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Community Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the Major Projects and Property Executive to agree the final terms of a Lease; and delegated authority be granted to the Head of Community Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services, Head of Finance and Commercial Services, and District Solicitor to complete all other financial and legal terms of the transfer.

18 FILE ON ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Cabinet received the following files on actions taken under delegated powers:

Community C/35/14 – C/38/14

Deputy Leader DL/2/14

Economic Development & Regeneration EDR/8/14 – EDR/9/14

Finance F/15/14 – F/17/14

Planning PS/15/14

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as they contain exempt information as defined in Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, more particularly as follows:

Minute 17 – Wycombe Museum – The Way Forward – Appendix A

Minute 19 – File on Exempt Actions Taken under Delegated Powers

Economic Development & Regeneration Sheet Nos: EDR/28/14 – EDR/29/14

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any

particular person (including the authority holding that information (Paragraph 3, Part 1 of schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972)

[The need to maintain the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because disclosure could prejudice the Council's position in any future tender process or negotiations]

19 FILE ON ACTION TAKEN UNDER EXEMPT DELEGATED POWERS

Cabinet received the following files on exempt actions taken under delegated powers:

Economic Development & Regeneration Sheet Nos: EDR/28/14 – EDR/29/14

Chairman

The following officers were in attendance at the meeting:

Karen Satterford - Chief Executive
Catherine MacKenzie - Principal Democratic Services Officer