

# Special Cabinet Minutes

Date: 14 December 2015

Time: 4.00 - 4.19 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ms K S Wood (Executive Leader of the Council - in the Chair)

Councillor Mrs J A Adey	- Cabinet Member for Community
Councillor D H G Barnes	- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Engagement and Strategy
Councillor D A Johncock	- Cabinet Member for Planning
Councillor R Newman	- Cabinet Member for Youth
Councillor D A C Shakespeare OBE	- Cabinet Member for HR, ICT and Customer Services
Councillor D M Watson	- Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
Councillor R Wilson	- Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration

## By Invitation

Councillor S Broadbent	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration
Councillor D J Carroll	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor R Gaffney	- Chairman of the Improvement & Review Commission
Councillor I L McEnnis	- Chairman of the Council
Councillor G Peart	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
Councillor R Raja	- Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor A Turner	- Leader of the Independent Group

**Also present:** Councillor R J Scott

## **52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Teesdale (Cabinet Member for Environment), M Knight (Leader of the East Wycombe Independent Group), Mrs J Langley (Cabinet Member for Housing) and S Saddique (Deputy Cabinet Member for HR, ICT & Customer Services).

## **53 MINUTES**

It was noted that Cllr Mrs W Mallen had been omitted from the attendance section, and it was agreed that this should be amended.

The Cabinet Member for Planning proposed that the second sentence in the resolution relating to Recommendation 4 at Minute 42 be amended, and suggested that the sentence "This recommendation was not agreed as this issue would be included in the policy as a matter of course" should be removed and replaced with

"The sentiment of the recommendation was agreed but not the specific request for an immediate policy. The need for such a policy was noted and will be addressed during the preparation of the New Local Plan." Cabinet agreed the amendments proposed.

**RESOLVED:** That subject to the amendments above, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 November 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **EXCLUSION OF 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 55 – Response to the Recommendations of the Budget Task & Finish Group – Phase 1**

**Minute 56 – HXH – Demolition of Wycombe Sports Centre and Marketing and Signage for Phase 3 and 4**

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)

#### **55 RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUDGET TASK & FINISH GROUP - PHASE 1**

The report before Cabinet detailed the Cabinet responses to each of the Improvement and Review Commission's Budget Task and Finish Group recommendations. In November 2015, the recommendations of the Group's first phase review of the budget position had been presented to Cabinet as part of the 2016/17 budget setting exercise and it was agreed a report responding to the recommendations should be presented to Cabinet as soon as was practicable .

Cabinet summarised the responses to each of the eleven recommendations and Members noted that the reasons for changing or rejecting certain recommendations had been detailed in the report.

The following decisions were made to formally respond to the recommendations made by the Budget Task and Finish Group.

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed the recommendations that had been contained in the November 2015 Budget Task and Finish Groups report to Cabinet be noted and the Cabinet responses in the report agreed.

**56 HXH - DEMOLITION OF WYCOMBE SPORTS CENTRE AND MARKETING AND SIGNAGE FOR PHASE 3 AND 4**

The report before Cabinet sought approval to allocate additional funds for the demolition of the soon to be redundant Wycombe Sports Centre. Cabinet were also asked to approve a budget to facilitate the branding/marketing of Phases 3 and 4 of the Handy Cross Hub redevelopment.

The following recommendations were made to facilitate both the demolition cost of the existing (redundant) Wycombe Sports Centre and the cost of works associated with the branding/marketing of Phases 3 and 4.

**Recommended:** That (i) an increased budget for the current Wycombe Sports Centre demolition works as set out in paragraph 2 of the report and a budget to fund signage and messaging systems for Handy X Phases 3 - 4 as set out in paragraph 3 of the report be approved and released; and

(ii) delegated authority to award a demolition contract to the successful tenderer as detailed in paragraphs 5 & 6 of the report within the revised budget limit as set out in paragraphs 2 & 3 of the report be granted to the Corporate Director, Major Projects Executive, Head of Finance and Commercial and the Head of Democratic, Legal & Policy Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Economic Development and Regeneration and Finance and Resources.

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Chairman

**The following officers were in attendance at the meeting:**

Karen Satterford	- Chief Executive
Ian Hunt	- Democratic Services Manager
Catherine MacKenzie	- Principal Democratic Services Officer
Paul Shackley	- Corporate Director

