

Cabinet Minutes

Date: 23 May 2016

Time: 6.00 - 6.14 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 Mrs J D Langley	- Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor R Newman	- Cabinet Member for Youth
Councillor D A C Shakespeare OBE	- Cabinet Member for HR, ICT and Customer Services
Councillor Mrs J E Teesdale	- Cabinet Member for Environment
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 M E Knight	- Leader of the East Wycombe Independent Party
Councillor Mrs W J Mallen	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor G Peart	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
Councillor I L McEnnis	- Chairman of the Council
Councillor R Raja	- Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor S Saddique	- Deputy Cabinet Member for HR, ICT and Customer Services

Also present: Councillors A Turner, A D Collingwood, R Farmer and B E Pearce

83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Hussain (Deputy Cabinet Member for Engagement and Strategy) and R Gaffney (Chairman of the Improvement and Review Commission).

84 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7 March 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

86 URGENT ITEMS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Cabinet had before it a report seeking approval to establish a Member Working Group to assess the needs and requirements of the District, in relation to the issue of local government re-organisation in Buckinghamshire. The Working Group would have no executive powers, referring any recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.

The reason for urgency was that the decision was required in order to respond quickly to the current Local Government re-organisation debate in Buckinghamshire.

The following decision was made to ensure the debate on local government re-organisation in Buckinghamshire included the needs and requirements of Wycombe District residents, taxpayers and businesses.

RESOLVED: To establish a Cabinet Local Government Re-Organisation Working Group comprising those Members in paragraph 4 of the report, under the chairmanship of the Leader of the Council, to consider local government re-organisation issues for Wycombe District and Buckinghamshire, making recommendations to Cabinet as appropriate.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item as it contains 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 87 - Proposed Investment/Acquisition

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)

87 PROPOSED INVESTMENT/ACQUISITION

Cabinet was asked to recommend to Council the release of funding to acquire office space for future investment purposes.

The following decision and recommendation was made to secure investment in property and to contribute to the Council's aim of financial sustainability.

RESOLVED: That the acquisition of the office investment be approved on the terms set out in paragraph 23 of the report, with final details of the transaction delegated to the Chief Executive, Head of Finance and Commercial Services and Major Projects & Estates Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Members for Finance, and Economic Development & Regeneration.

Recommended: That funding from the Council's Treasury deposits be released to fund the acquisition.

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
Charles Brocklehurst	- Major Projects and Property Executive