

Cabinet Minutes

Date: 11 July 2016

Time: 7.05 - 8.26 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 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 R Gaffney	- Chairman of the Improvement & Review Commission
Councillor Mrs W J Mallen	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor G Peart	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
Councillor R Raja	- Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor S K Raja	- Deputy Cabinet Member for Community
Councillor S Saddique	- Deputy Cabinet Member for HR, ICT and Customer Services

Also present: Councillors R Farmer and L Wood

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Knight (Leader of the East Wycombe Independent Party), R Newman (Cabinet Member for Youth) and A Turner (Deputy Cabinet Member for Planning).

15 MINUTES

It was noted that under Minute 13 File on Action Taken Under Exempt Delegated Powers the sheets referring to the Economic Development & Regeneration portfolio should have been numbered EDR/18/16 – EDR/34/16, and it was agreed that this should be amended.

RESOLVED: That subject to the above, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 6 June 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Cabinet approval was sought to commence public consultation on the implementation of two Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) for High Wycombe Town Centre and the surrounding area. The proposed areas to be covered by the Order were detailed on the maps appended to the report.

Following the introduction of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the Council was required, within a three year period, to assess its existing Designated Public Space Orders and, if still required, replace with a PSPO. The provisions for PSPO's came into effect in October 2014.

The following decision was made as new powers had been introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to deal with anti-social behaviour, including the ability to create a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). The Order would provide the Council with greater powers in relation to dealing with anti-social behaviour in public spaces.

RESOLVED: That the Council proceed with a public consultation on the implementation of two Public Spaces Protection Orders for High Wycombe town centre and surrounding area. The new Orders would give Wycombe District Council an opportunity to restrict specific activities that could have a detrimental effect on businesses, residents and visitors to the area.

18 REFERRAL FROM THE IMPROVEMENT & REVIEW COMMISSION - ICT T&FG RECOMMENDATIONS

The report before Cabinet set out the recommendations of the Improvement & Review Commission following a report from a Task and Finish Group (TFG) which had undertaken a review on the provision of Information Communication Technology (ICT) at Wycombe District Council.

The Chairman of the Improvement & Review Commission, Councillor R Gaffney, introduced the report. He reported that the Improvement and Review Commission had endorsed all the recommendations at its meeting on 13 June 2016. Councillor Gaffney commended the work undertaken by the Task and Finish Group.

The Chairman of the Task and Finish Group, Councillor L Wood, presented the findings and recommendations of the TFG. During consideration of this item, Cabinet agreed that further information regarding the proposed recommendations would be helpful, including a detailed report on the implications of adopting the recommendations.

Cabinet thanked the Task and Finish Group and officers for all their hard work.

The following decisions were made to progress the recommendations of the Improvement and Review Commission where appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations made by the Improvement and Review Commission on the provision of ICT at Wycombe District Council be received, and a further report be presented to the September Cabinet meeting responding to each of the recommendations in detail.

19 DISSOLUTION OF BUCKS JOINT COMMITTEE ON WASTE

Cabinet were asked to recommend to Council that the Bucks Joint Waste Committee be dissolved. The work of the Committee would continue through the Joint Waste Partnership, including the shared delivery with the constituent authorities of the Joint Waste Strategy 2014 -2020.

The following recommendation and decisions were made as now that the Joint Waste Strategy 2014-2020 was established and all of the Buckinghamshire district councils had rolled out new collection services, the Bucks Joint Committee on Waste (BJCW) had decided, subject to the formal agreement of its constituent authorities, that the Strategy could be delivered in a more efficient manner by dissolving the formal joint committee and adopting a more streamlined and less formal structure.

Recommended: That the dissolution of the Bucks Joint Committee on Waste be agreed and that the Council instead participate in the Joint Waste Partnership to deliver the Joint Waste Strategy for Buckinghamshire 2014-2020 and other functions related to Waste.

RESOLVED: That (i) the Bucks Joint Committee on Waste (BJCW) be dissolved when all of the constituent authorities have given their formal agreement, and that the twelve months' notice required by the Committee's Constitution by all parties be waived;

(ii) the Council continues to support and participate in the Joint Waste Partnership as an informal entity to continue work to support the delivery of the Joint Waste Strategy 2014-2020 and other activities;

(iii) a Memorandum of Understanding, as outlined in the report be drawn up to regulate the activities of the Joint Waste Partnership with authority being delegated to the Head of Environment in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Cabinet Member for Environment to agree the precise terms;

(iv) the remaining funds in the approved budget of the Joint Waste Committee, once committed expenditure had been met, be used to fund a continued campaign to combat fly-tipping across Buckinghamshire;

(v) the grant awarded by the Department for Communities and Local Government for the Fighting Food Waste project be used to support the activities described in the bid for that funding; and

(vi) the partner Councils give consideration as part of the budget setting process during 2017/18 to making budgetary provision for the ongoing work of the Partnership for the financial year 2018/19 and thereafter.

20 ABBEY BARN SOUTH DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

The report before Cabinet set out and provided an assessment of the consultation responses received in relation to the Abbey Barn South Development Brief. Cabinet approval was being sought to adopt the Abbey Barn South Development Brief as a planning document, to ensure greater control was maintained by the Council over the development of the site.

The following decisions were made as the development brief contained detailed planning guidance that would be a material consideration when planning decisions were made on planning applications in this area. The guidance was site specific and thereby more detailed than the current policy framework in the Development Plan. The brief would help co-ordinate future development and the provision of infrastructure. It would therefore be important to the quality of the final development to have an up-to-date planning brief.

RESOLVED: That (i) the Abbey Barn South Development Brief [Draft for Adoption] (the development brief) be adopted as planning guidance for the area; and

(ii) delegated authority be granted to the Head of Planning and Sustainability and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainability to approve the separate detailed guidance for the Ride area within the Abbey Barn South site.

21 EFFICIENCY PLAN & 4 YEAR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT

Cabinet recalled that the Efficiency Plan had been approved in March 2016 with the Medium Term Financial Plan. It was noted that following confirmation of the Local Government Finance Settlement the multi-year Efficiency Plan had been updated and required approval.

Therefore, Cabinet was asked to consider and formally recommend the updated 4 year Efficiency Plan. The document would then be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government before the 14th October 2016.

The following recommendations were made to help the Council deliver its overall budget to 2020 and provide increased flexibility in how certain costs were financed over this period.

Recommended: That (i) the Council's 4 Year Efficiency Plan attached at Appendix A of the report be approved and delegated authority granted to Cabinet to revise and update this as appropriate;

(ii) the Council accepts the 4 year Local Government Finance Settlement (settlement) as set out in paragraphs 5 to 7 of the report; and

(iii) the application of capital receipts received between April 2016 and March 2019 (rather than revenue resources) for eligible reform costs from the list of schemes shown in Table 2.0 of the report be approved and delegated authority given to the Head of Finance and Commercial and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resource to revise and update this if required.

22 FILE ON ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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

Community C/32/16 – C/38/16

Finance F/27/16 – F/28/16

Planning & Sustainability PS/06/16 – PS/07/16

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 23 - Handy X Update – Construction Contract

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)

Minute 24 - File on Action taken under Exempt Delegated Powers

**Economic Development and Regeneration sheet nos:
EDR/35/16 – EDR/43/16**

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23 HANDY X UPDATE - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Cabinet was asked to approve and formally recommend the final account for the construction contract with Willmott Dixon Ltd. The work undertaken related to the Handy X Hub redevelopment.

The following recommendation was made to approve the final account in relation to the construction work undertaken at the Handy X Hub site.

Recommended: That (i) the terms of the final account for the construction works at Handy X Hub in respect of Phases 1 and 2 with Willmott Dixon Ltd (WDL) as set out in the report be approved; and

(ii) the reported contract outturn position for the construction works for Phases 1 and 2 as set out in paragraph 13 be noted.

24 FILE ON ACTION TAKEN UNDER EXEMPT DELEGATED POWERS

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

Economic Development and Regeneration: EDR/35/16 – EDR/43/16

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