

CABINET
Thursday 10 September 2020 at 7.30 pm
Zoom - Online

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Members

Councillor Mark Ingall, Leader of the Council
Councillor Eugenie Harvey, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resilience and Recovery
Councillor Mike Danvers, Portfolio Holder for Resources
Councillor Tony Durcan, Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity
Councillor Frances Mason, Portfolio Holder for Governance, Equality and Diversity
Councillor Danny Purton, Portfolio Holder for Environment
Councillor Chris Vince, Portfolio Holder for Community and Wellbeing
Councillor Mark Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Housing

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors' declarations of interest (if any) in relation to any items on the agenda.
3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 15)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2020.
4. Matters Arising

Any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
5. Written Questions from the Public

To receive any questions from members of the public in accordance with Rule 10 of the Council Procedure Rules.

6. Written Questions from Councillors

To receive any questions from Councillors in accordance with Rule 11 of the Council Procedure Rules.

7. Petitions

To consider any petitions that have been referred to the Cabinet under the Council's Petition Scheme.

a) Rejection of Proposal to Amend Waste Collection at Mercers

Petition from Mr Alldridge:

"We, the residents and signatories, reject your current proposal to amend the waste collection at Mercers, Harlow. Having given considerable time to review your letter, we feel your proposed is unsatisfactory based on the following reasons;

- We understand the implementation costs are covered by Harlow Council, however, the costs for service and maintenance will increase our current service charges.
- Increasing the number of waste collection points on the estate will attract vermin and raise environmental and health concerns.
- Adding additional waste collection points will increase the number of areas that need to be swept, cleaned, washed and disinfected on a regular basis, which will result in additional service charge costs.
- The position of the newly proposed bin stores is sporadic and unsightly. We are disturbed with the impact this will have on future house prices, this is unacceptable.
- The location of the newly proposed waste collection is too close to people's homes. It is unreasonable to have another person's rubbish outside their homes. These bins smell vulgar and attract flies. This is alarming for all of us as Harlow Council has received numerous emails, regards to contamination and environmental dangers, covering maggots and fly's in the past.
- Your proposed solution does not resolve the issue where a small minority of residents choose to 'dump' items that can not be taken in waste collection. Therefore, we feel the proposal does not solve all the problems currently facing Mercers.

Our alternative solution is to recommend Harlow Council issue each resident, who lives on the ground floor, with a wheelie bin, as they have control and responsibility over their own waste.

Residents who live on the top floors can continue to use the bin chutes. This will mean that considerably less waste will collate at the bin chutes due to less people using them. In turn, we feel, this will significantly reduce the impact around environmental dangers as mentioned above.

In addition, we feel our solution is vastly more cost effective as Harlow Council will not incur costs for constructing the proposed bin stores, as an alternative, spend significantly less on installing CCTV in order to determine who is 'dumping' items that can not be collected."

8. Forward Plan (Pages 16 - 26)

To note the Forward Plan, which lists all upcoming Cabinet decisions and provides notice of key decisions and those expected to be taken in private session.

9. Recent Relevant Decisions Taken by The Leader, Deputy, Portfolio Holder(s), or Chief Executive

To note recent decisions taken under delegated/emergency powers, as attached:

- a) Chief Executive - 9 April 2020 (Pages 27 - 28)
- b) Chief Executive - 9 April 2020 (Pages 29 - 30)
- c) Chief Executive - 15 April 2020 (Pages 31 - 32)
- d) Chief Executive - 15 April 2020 (Pages 33 - 34)
- e) Chief Executive - 15 April 2020 (Page 35)
- f) Chief Executive - 24 April 2020 (Pages 36 - 37)
- g) Chief Executive - 6 May 2020 (Page 38)
- h) Chief Executive - 14 May 2020 (Pages 39 - 40)
- i) Chief Executive - 8 June 2020 (Pages 41 - 42)
- j) Chief Executive - 12 June 2020 (Page 43)
- k) Chief Executive - 16 June 2020 (Pages 44 - 45)

- l) Chief Executive - 29 June 2020 (Page 46)
- 10. Year End 2019/20 Finance Report (Pages 47 - 73)
- 11. Joint Finance and Performance Report, Quarter 1 2020/21
(Pages 74 - 87)
- 12. Housing Revenue Account, Quarter 1 Finance Report 2020/21
(Pages 88 - 92)
- 13. Capital Programmes, Quarter 1 Finance Report 2020/21
(Pages 93 - 103)
- 14. Annual Treasury Management Report 2019/20 (Pages 104 - 114)
- 15. Changes to Membership of the Highways Panel

To consider an instruction from the Cabinet Office at Essex County Council that the membership of the Harlow Highways Panel should reflect the political balance of the County Council.

16. Communications from Committees/Working Groups/Parties and Panels

- a) Report of the Covid-19 Recovery Working Group
(Pages 115 - 140)

17. Minutes of Panels/Working Groups

To note the following draft minutes of Cabinet appointed bodies. Minutes remain draft until approved by the relevant body.

- a) Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, 24 June 2020 of Harlow Local Highways Panel (Pages 141 - 142)
- b) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 22 July 2020 of Covid-19 Recovery Working Group (Pages 143 - 146)
- c) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 5 August 2020 of Covid-19 Recovery Working Group (Pages 147 - 150)

18. Matters of Urgent Business

Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be received as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the minutes.