

MINUTES OF THE CABINET OVERVIEW WORKING GROUP HELD ON

29 November 2018

7.30 - 8.45 pm

PRESENT

Overview Working Group Members

Councillor Tony Durcan (Chair)
Councillor Tony Edwards (Vice-Chair)
Councillor David Carter
Councillor Simon Carter
Councillor Michael Garnett
Councillor Jean Clark

Officers

Simon Freeman, Head of Finance and Deputy to the Managing Director.
Lisa Thornett, Corporate Governance Support Officer
Donna Beechener, Revenues and Benefits Manager
Will Hales, Property Manager
Christine Howard, Youth and Citizenship Manager

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed everyone and asked for his thanks to the previous Chair of Cabinet Overview Working Group, Ian Beckett be noted.

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Bob Davis and Edna Stevens.

The Chair, on behalf of the Working Group, sent his best wishes to Councillor Stevens who was recovering from a hip replacement.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Simon Carter declared a non – pecuniary in item 6, Non Housing Asset Management Strategy- Final report as a Council appointed Director of HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd.

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

11. MATTERS ARISING

None.

12. **WORK PLAN**

RESOLVED that:

- A The work plan is noted.
- B Reports on Houses of Multiple Occupancy and the Housing Strategy be brought to the next meeting of the Working Group.

13. **NON HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - FINAL REPORT**

The Working Group receive a report on a new Non Housing Asset Management Strategy, which set out a strategic approach to dealing with the Council's non housing asset portfolio.

RESOLVED that:

- A The Cabinet Overview Working Group (COWG) refers the strategy attached as appendices A and B to Cabinet for approval.

14. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY - INTERIM REPORT**

The Working Group received an interim report on the Community Engagement Strategy

RESOLVED that:

- A The Contents of the report be noted.
- B A Focus Group, to include Officers and Councillors David Carter, Simon Carter and Jean Clark, be set up to discuss and have input into the new Community Engagement Strategy and agree the future approach with an update to be presented to the next meeting.

15. **LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME PROPOSALS 2019/20 - REPORT**

The Working Group received a report which set out the proposed Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20

RESOLVED that:

- A The Working Group acknowledged the current position regarding 2018/19 Local Council Tax Support Scheme and endorsed continuing stability within the scheme for 2019/20.
- B It is recommended to Cabinet that the current scheme remains unchanged for 2019/20 and that the introduction of fixed period

awards for Local Council Tax Support is not implemented at the current time and kept under review

16. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW
WORKING GROUP