

## MINUTES OF THE CABINET HELD ON

17 June 2021

7.30 - 9.05 pm

### PRESENT

#### Committee Members

Councillor Andrew Johnson, Leader of the Council and Lead on Economic Recovery

Councillor Joel Charles, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience

Councillor Simon Carter, Portfolio Holder for Housing

Councillor Alastair Gunn, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Councillor Michael Hardware, Portfolio Holder for Strategic Growth

Councillor Russell Perrin, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance

Councillor Dan Swords, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration

#### Additional Attendees

Councillor James Leppard

Councillor Nicky Purse

Councillor Matthew Saggars

#### Other Councillors

Councillor David Carter

Councillor Mike Danvers

Councillor Bob Davis

Councillor Tony Durcan

Councillor Tony Edwards

Councillor Eugenie Harvey

Councillor Chris Vince

Councillor Nancy Watson

#### Officers

Brian Keane, Chief Executive

Andrew Bramidge, Head of

Environment and Planning

Simon Freeman, Head of Finance and

Deputy to the Chief Executive

Jane Greer, Head of Community

Wellbeing

Simon Hill, Head of Governance

Andrew Murray, Head of Housing

Adam Rees, Governance Support

Officer

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Leader said that the next Cabinet meeting would now take place on 12 July due to the Mark Hall by-election.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2021 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

5. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

6. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

7. **PETITIONS**

a) **Support Local Private Hire and Taxi Drivers**

Cabinet received a petition requesting that financial support be provided to Private Hire/Hackney Carriage drivers due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Councillor Perrin offered to meet with the drivers to discuss what actions could be taken to assist drivers.

**RESOLVED** that the petition was noted.

8. **FORWARD PLAN**

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan is noted.

9. **HARLOW AND GILSTON GARDEN TOWN SUSTAINABILITY GUIDANCE**

Cabinet received a report to approve the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Sustainability Guidance and Checklist as a material planning consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Hardware (seconded by Councillor Dan Swords) it was:

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet approved the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Sustainability Guidance and Checklist (March 2021), as set out in Appendix A to the report, as a material consideration in the planning process for the preparation of masterplans, pre-application advice, assessing planning applications and any other development management purpose for all major residential development proposals (of 10 or greater dwellings); applications for change of use resulting in a major residential development; and Council-led housing.

10. **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY POLICY**

Cabinet received a report recommending the adoption of an Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Policy.

Proposed by Councillor Russell Perrin (seconded by Councillor Dan Swords) it was:

**RESOLVED** that:

**A** The Equality and Diversity and Inclusivity Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted.

**B** Through the Officer Equality Working Group, the Council looks at what 'inclusivity' means for Harlow and develops the Action Plan further to reflect this.

11. **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATIONS**

Cabinet received a document setting out the Portfolio Holder delegations and areas of responsibility.

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Johnson (seconded by Councillor Michael Hardware) it was:

**RESOLVED** that the Portfolio Holder Delegations be approved.

12. **APPOINTMENT OF CABINET WORKING GROUPS, PANELS AND PARTNERSHIP BODIES 2021/22**

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Johnson (seconded by Councillor Russell Perrin) it was:

**RESOLVED** that the appointments to Cabinet Working Groups, Panels and Partnership Bodies 2021/22 be approved.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS/PARTIES AND PANELS**

None.

14. **MINUTES OF PANELS/WORKING GROUPS**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the following meetings are noted.

a) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 18 February 2021 of Shareholder Sub Committee

b) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 24 March 2021 of Harlow Local Highways Panel

15. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL