

MINUTES OF THE CABINET HELD ON

15 October 2015

7.30 - 7.54 pm

PRESENT

Cabinet Members

Councillor Jon Clempner, Leader of the Council

Councillor Emma Toal, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Youth & Community

Councillor Jean Clark, Portfolio Holder for Governance

Councillor Mike Danvers, Portfolio Holder for Resources

Councillor Tony Durcan, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration & Enterprise

Additional Attendees

Councillor Danny Purton

Councillor John Strachan

Other Councillors

Councillor Andrew Johnson

Councillor Simon Carter

Councillor Eddie Johnson

Councillor Clive Souter

Councillor Bill Pryor

Officers

Malcolm Morley, Chief Executive

Simon Freeman, Head of Finance

Jane Greer, Head of Community Wellbeing

Brian Keane, Head of Governance

Andrew Murray, Head of Housing

Marysia Rudgley, Community Safety Team Manager

Joel West, Governance Support Officer

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Rod Truan, Mark Wilkinson and Maggie Hulcoop.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

44. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2015 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

45. MATTERS ARISING

None.

46. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

47. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

48. **PETITIONS**

None.

49. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Jon Clempner, stated that the Local Development Plan Emerging Strategy (Decision ref. I001170) will be allocated a date of consideration prior to the next Cabinet meeting.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan is noted.

50. **RECENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER, DEPUTY OR PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)**

None.

51. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2015-2045**

The Cabinet received a report that advised of recent Government announcements related to social housing and explained that the Council must revise key principles contained in its Housing Revenue Account Business Plan (2015-45) as a result.

Proposed by Councillor Jon Clempner (seconded by Councillor Mike Danvers) it was:

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the recent Government announcements and RECOMMENDS to Council that the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan is finalised to include the following key assumptions:-

- (a) Implement legislation to reduce dwelling rents annually by 1% in each of the four years commencing 2016/17.
- (b) Renew the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) debt of £209m upon maturity of each loan and that repayment be kept under review as outlined in paragraph 25 of the report submitted.
- (c) Maintain the minimum HRA working balance at 31 March 2016 at £2.727m.

- (d) Revise the housing asset management plans as outlined in paragraphs 21 and 22 of the report submitted.
- (e) Assume annual increases of at least 5% per year for garages and increases / decreases in service charges related to changes in expenditure.

52. **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014**

The Cabinet received a report that proposed a new corporate Anti-social Behaviour Policy, to accommodate new powers conferred by recent legislation.

Proposed by Councillor Emma Toal (seconded by Councillor Mike Danvers) it was:

RESOLVED that Cabinet RECOMMENDS to Council that it approves:

- (a) The Corporate Anti-social Behaviour Policy 2015, attached at Appendix 1 of the report submitted.
- (b) The addition to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers as set out in paragraph 16 of the report submitted.

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

None.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings are noted.

- a) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 14 July 2015 of Housing Standards Board
- b) Minutes of meeting Wednesday 16 September 2015 of Housing Standards Board

55. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL