

MINUTES OF THE CABINET HELD ON

13 October 2016

7.30 - 8.07 pm

PRESENT

Cabinet Members

Councillor Jon Clempner, Leader of the Council

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

Councillor Mike Danvers, Portfolio Holder for Resources

Councillor Tony Durcan, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration & Enterprise

Councillor Waida Forman, Portfolio Holder for Governance

Councillor Danny Purton, Portfolio Holder for Environment

Councillor Mark Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Housing

Additional Attendees

Councillor Mark Ingall

Councillor Lanie Shears

Other Councillors

Councillor Andrew Johnson

Councillor Simon Carter

Councillor Joel Charles

Officers

Malcolm Morley OBE, Chief Executive

Brian Keane, Head of Governance

Graeme Bloomer, Head of Place

Simon Freeman, Head of Finance

Lisa Purse, Corporate and Governance Support Officer

Adam Rees, Corporate and Governance Support Officer

44. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

45. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

46. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2016 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

47. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

48. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

49. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

50. **PETITIONS**

None.

51. **FORWARD PLAN**

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan is noted.

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

None.

53. **RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LONDON STANSTED CAMBRIDGE CORRIDOR GROWTH COMMISSION**

The Cabinet received a report which sought to establish the Council's response to the findings of the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor Growth Commission's findings.

Proposed by Councillor Jon Clempner (seconded by Councillor Danny Purton) it was:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- A.** Recognises the importance of the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor as a key economic corridor.
- B.** Confirms its commitment to Harlow playing an active role in the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor Consortium to ensure that the town is recognised as a key location for investment and economic growth within the corridor.
- C.** Supports the five priorities identified by the Growth Commission to drive the realisation of the ambition for the corridor.
- D.** Confirms its commitment to work with partners to ensure that Harlow is able to develop a symbiotic relationship with London and other areas within the corridor.

54. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE WEST ESSEX/EAST HERTFORDSHIRE HOUSING MARKET AREA**

The Cabinet received a report which sought approval for a Memorandum of Understanding on Highways and Transportation Infrastructure for the West Essex/East Hertfordshire Housing Market Area in order to provide evidence of working together under Duty to Cooperate.

Proposed by Councillor Danny Purton (seconded by Councillor Jon Clempner) it was:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- A. Approves the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between East Hertfordshire District Council, Epping Forest District Council, Harlow Council, Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council, Hertfordshire County Council and Highways England covering Highways and Transportation Infrastructure. (Appendix A).
- B. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment to approve any minor amendments to the draft Memorandum.
- C. Subject to B, the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the MoU in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder.

55. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: MANAGING THE IMPACTS OF GROWTH WITHIN THE WEST ESSEX/EAST HERTFORDSHIRE HOUSING MARKET AREA ON EPPING FOREST SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION**

The Cabinet received a report which sought approval for a Memorandum of Understanding on managing the impacts of growth within the West Essex/East Hertfordshire housing market area on Epping Forest special area of conservation in order to provide evidence of working together under Duty to Cooperate.

Proposed by Councillor Danny Purton (seconded by Councillor Jon Clempner) it was:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- A. Approves the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between East Hertfordshire District Council, Epping Forest District Council, Harlow Council, Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council, Hertfordshire County Council, City of London Corporation (Conservators of Epping Forest) and Natural England managing the impact of growth on Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation.

- B. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment to approve any minor and inconsequential amendments to the draft Memorandum.
- C. Subject to B, the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the MoU in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder.

56. **FINANCE REPORT**

The Cabinet received a report which recommended accepting the four year local government funding settlement.

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

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees to accept the four year local government funding settlement as set out in the report.

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

a) **Cabinet Overview Working Group Work Plan**

Proposed by Councillor Waida Forman (seconded by Councillor Mark Wilkinson) it was:

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees to the proposed additions to the 2016/17 work plan for the Overview Working Group as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

- i. Treasury Management Strategy Review.
- ii. Local Council Tax Support Scheme.
- iii. The Medium Term Financial Strategy.

58. **MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES/PANELS/WORKING GROUPS**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings are noted.

- a) **Minutes of meeting Thursday, 8 September 2016 of Cabinet Overview Working Group**
- b) **Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 13 September 2016 of Housing Standards Board**
- c) **Minutes of meeting Thursday, 15 September 2016 of Harlow Local Highways Panel**

59. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL