

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET OVERVIEW WORKING GROUP
HELD ON**

7 February 2017

7.30 - 8.50 pm

PRESENT

Overview Working Group Members

Councillor Ian Beckett (Chair)
Councillor Mark Ingall (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Simon Carter
Councillor Maggie Hulcoop
Councillor Clive Souter
Councillor John Strachan

Other Councillors

Councillor Joel Charles
Councillor Tony Durcan

Officers

Lisa Thornett, Customer Services Officer
Jane Greer, Head of Community Wellbeing
Andrew Bramidge, Project Director - Enterprise Zone
Maureen Pearman, Community, Leisure and Cultural Services Manager

26. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies of Absence were received by Councillors Rod Truan, Stefan Mullard, David Carter and Mike Garnet.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

27. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2016 be agreed as a correct record subject to adding Councillor Maggie Hulcoop to Agenda item 18 'apologies for absence'

28. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

29. **NON HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Councillor Ian Beckett, Chair of Cabinet Working Overview Group informed the group that having spoken with Graeme Bloomer, Head of

Place, that he would prefer the report to be presented to the group in full rather than incomplete.

Councillor Simon Carter advised that he had his concerns in the fact the report was taking far too long to produce. Councillor Ian Beckett advised that he is confident it would be dealt with thoroughly and presented to the group in June 2017.

30. **REVIEW OF PETS CORNER**

Jane Greer, Head of Community Wellbeing, gave a presentation on the progress made by the Pets Corner Working Group.

RESOLVED that the report would be submitted to Cabinet with the following amendment.

- A** Overview Working Group notes the progress made by the Pets' Corner Working Group.
- B** Overview Working Group recommends to Cabinet that the current subsidy of £195,000 in 2017/18 and £198,500 in 2018/19 is maintained and notes the Overview Working Group's opinion that funding of some scale will be required beyond 2018/19, albeit in a potentially diminishing level.
- C** The Overview Working Group recommends to Cabinet that Pets' Corner develop a number of initiatives to increase income targets in order to reduce the level Council subsidy in the future.

31. **UPDATE ON TOWN CENTRE**

Councillor Tony Durcan, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Enterprise, gave a presentation on the proposed developments of the Town Centre

RESOLVED that the report would be submitted to Cabinet with the following amendment.

- A** The Overview Working Group notes the contents of the report.
- B** An update report is provided to the Overview Working Group in six months' time and ask that a sub group is established to support this on-going work.

Councillors Simon Carter and Maggie Hulcoop have already volunteered and the group would require a further two Councillors who would be willing to volunteer.

32. **WORK PLAN**

The Cabinet Overview Working Group reviewed the Work Plan for the year.

RESOLVED that

- a) The 2016/17 Work Plan is noted.
- b) It was agreed that the Economic Development Strategy Interim Report would in fact be the FINAL report.

33. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW
WORKING GROUP