

MINUTES OF THE CABINET HELD ON

23 February 2017

7.40 - 8.15 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Jon Clempner, Leader of the Council
Councillor Mike Danvers, Portfolio Holder for Resources
Councillor Tony Durcan, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and 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 John Strachan

Other Councillors

Councillor Simon Carter
Councillor Joel Charles
Councillor Andrew Johnson
Councillor Eddie Johnson
Councillor Russell Perrin
Councillor Clive Souter

Officers

Graham Branchett, Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Bramidge, Project Director – Enterprise Zone
Simon Freeman, Head of Finance
Brian Keane, Head of Governance
Adam Rees, Corporate and Governance Support Officer

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lanie Shears and Emma Toal.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

113. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2017 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

114. MATTERS ARISING

None.

115. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

116. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

None.

117. **PETITIONS**

None.

118. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Leader announced that Item 10 on the agenda would be considered after items 11a and 11b.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan is noted.

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

RESOLVED that the following decision is noted.

- a) Portfolio Holder for Housing - 30 January 2017

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

- a) Referral from Scrutiny Committee - Health and Wellbeing in Harlow

Cabinet received a report referred to it by the Scrutiny Committee following a review into health and wellbeing in Harlow.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Durcan (seconded by Councillor Jon Clempner) it was:

RESOLVED that the Council's health and wellbeing approach is referred to the Overview Working Group with a view to developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy through the Council's Health and Wellbeing Board.

- b) Referral from Cabinet Overview Working Group - Long-term Sustainability of Pets' Corner

Cabinet received a report referred to it by the Cabinet Overview Working Group on the long-term sustainability of Pets' Corner.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Durcan (seconded by Councillor Jon Clempner) it was:

RESOLVED that:

A The current subsidy for Pets' Corner 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.

B Pets' Corner develop a number of initiatives to increase income targets in order to reduce the level of Council subsidy in the future.

121. **ENTERPRISE ZONE INVESTMENT PROPOSAL**

Cabinet received a report on an investment proposal for the Enterprise Zone, which recommended the Council borrowed up to £4 million for infrastructure works on the site north of London Road and up to £10 million to develop and construct an office building.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Durcan (seconded by Councillor Jon Clempner) it was:

RESOLVED that:

A The Council undertakes borrowing of up to £4 million to complete the infrastructure works at the London Road North site of the Harlow Enterprise Zone.

B The Council agrees in principle to undertake borrowing up to £10 million to develop and construct an office building at the London Road North site of the Harlow Enterprise Zone.

C Delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Portfolio Holders for Regeneration and Finance, to determine the level of borrowing within the maximum agreed in (A) above and to negotiate and to agree all contracts necessary to deliver the infrastructure for which the borrowing is undertaken.

D The Chief Executive reports further to Cabinet on the options for the provision of the building in (B) above.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings are noted.

- a) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 6 December 2016 of Housing Standards Board
- b) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 19 January 2017 of Shareholders Sub-Committee
- c) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 31 January 2017 of Harlow Local Highways Panel

123. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL