

# MINUTES OF CABINET

11 OCTOBER 2021

## PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Miss Lawrence, Poole, Roberts, Ms Robbins and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillor Roodhouse was also in attendance.

## 40. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 41. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Brader and Mrs O'Rourke.

## 42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 43. QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the Council's public question time procedure, the following question was received. Rebecca Stevenson did not attend the meeting.

(a) Rebecca Stevenson asked the following question of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

"When will there be a timetable for short, medium and long term progress on the climate emergency action plan?"

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

"The Council's cross party Climate Emergency Member Working Group are currently working with officers to develop the Council's Climate Change Strategy, which will incorporate actions, performance measures and timescales.

As the Climate Change Strategy is a new strategy, a significant amount of groundwork, such as baselining the council's carbon footprint, needs to be undertaken in advance of producing the strategy. I am pleased to confirm that much of this groundwork, including the baselining exercise is now complete, with the results currently being analysed.

Furthermore, the Council considers it essential that a strategy of this importance reflects the aspirations of our communities and our delivery partners to ensure a genuinely joined up and sustainable approach. To this end, the Council has recently launched a residents survey and hosted the Borough's first climate summit. The issues, priorities and plans highlighted from both of these exercises are currently being analysed and will contribute to the development of Council's Climate Change Strategy.

In January 2022, the Council will consult on a draft Climate Change Strategy, giving residents and partners a further opportunity to have their say and contribute towards the final document. Once that consultation is complete, it is intended that the Strategy will be adopted in March 2022.”

### ***Growth and Investment Portfolio***

#### **44. HOUSING AND ECONOMIC LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning a proposed public consultation with regard to the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

**RESOLVED THAT** – a six-week consultation period to consult the public and stakeholders on the standard forms and methodology used to collect and record the data associated with the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment be approved.

#### **45. WOLVEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION AND REGULATION 17 EXAMINATION.**

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Wolvey Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**RESOLVED THAT** – the Wolvey Neighbourhood Development Plan, as appended to the report, be approved to be:

- a) publicised for the purposes of Regulation 16 consultation; and
- b) submitted to the appointed Examiner for the Regulation 17 examination.

#### **46. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED THAT** – under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

*Item considered en bloc*

**47. WRITE OFFS**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning write offs.

**RESOLVED THAT** – the schedule of write offs, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

**CHAIRMAN**