

MINUTES OF CABINET

1 APRIL 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors Stokes, (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Lowe and Ms Robbins.

Councillors Douglas, Ms Edwards and Roodhouse were also in attendance.

91. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Mrs Parker.

93. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

94. REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS – REPORT OF THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Cabinet considered the report of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Part 1 - agenda item 5) concerning outcomes and proposed recommendations arising from a review of the Council's overview and scrutiny arrangements.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) the overview and scrutiny structure consist of two overview and scrutiny committees having set remits aligned to the four portfolio areas;
- (2) one overview and scrutiny committee be aligned to the Environment and Public Realm and Growth and Investment and the second be aligned to the Communities and Homes and Corporate Resources portfolios and these be given relevant names;
- (3) a programme of training be carried out for overview and scrutiny committee chairs, committee members, the Democratic Services team and Senior Management Team;
- (4) the scrutiny area of the Council website be improved to encourage better public engagement;
- (5) training opportunities be shared with Parish Councils through Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils; and

(6) the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.

Environment and Public Realm Portfolio

95. LIGHT-TOUCH REVIEW OF PARKING AT THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CENTRE

Cabinet considered the report of the Whittle Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning proposed short-term recommendations arising from a light touch review of parking at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the short-term recommendations arising from the review, as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report, be approved; and
- (2) the medium and long-term recommendations be brought to a future meeting of Cabinet.

Items considered en bloc

96. RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES RELATIVE NEEDS AND RESOURCES AND BUSINESS RATES RETENTION REFORM

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning this Council's response to technical consultations with regard to local authorities' relative needs and resources and business rates retention reform.

RESOLVED THAT – the response to the two Government Technical consultations be noted.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

97. ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 8) concerning the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the proposed International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism and the 11 contemporary examples be adopted.

98. 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 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

99. FINANCIAL SERVICES TEAM RESTRUCTURE

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning a proposed restructure within the Council's Financial Services team.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) the revised structure of the financial services team and redundancy of one post be approved;
- (2) a supplementary revenue budget of £17,000 be approved in 2019/20 for the redundancy cost, to be met from 2018/19 underspends and to be split as follows:
 - a. General Fund £9,300
 - b. HRA £7,700; and
- (3) a supplementary 2019/20 revenue budget to cover the cost of professional training for 2 FTEs and training costs at £6,800 to be financed from general fund balances.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

Environment and Public Realm Portfolio

100. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REVIEW

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning a review of grounds maintenance.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the recommendations of the Grounds Maintenance review be implemented and phased in over the next 6 months to avoid any operational disruption.

Items considered en bloc

101. INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM – HONORARIA

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 3) concerning honoraria in the Council's Information, Communications and Technology team.

RESOLVED THAT - the extension of the secondment and honoraria to April 2020, as detailed in the report, be approved.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

CHAIRMAN