

MINUTES OF CABINET

7 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors Stokes (Chairman), Mrs Crane and Mrs Parker.

Councillors Douglas, Ms Edwards, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke, Roodhouse and Sandison were also in attendance.

54. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

55. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Lowe and Ms Robbins.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 8 of Part 1 – Private Sector Housing Charter – Councillor Douglas (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of his employment).

57. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

58. DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019-23

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the draft General Fund revenue and capital budgets for 2019/20 and the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2019-23.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the updated draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget position for 2019/20 be noted alongside the Council's 2019-23 Medium Term Financial Plan;
- (2) the proposed Fees & Charges for 2019/20 as set out at Appendix 9 to the report be approved;
- (3) Cabinet considers the key decisions identified to date and identifies other policy or service changes required for consideration to deliver a balanced budget for 2019/20; and

(4) the decision to consult with key stakeholders on the waste proposals as detailed in Section 6.5 and Appendix 8 of the report be approved.

59. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2019/20

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the local Council Tax reduction scheme for 2019/20.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018/2019 be adopted as the Council's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/2020.

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

Communities and Homes Portfolio

60. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019-23

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer and Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1- agenda item 7) concerning the draft Housing Revenue Account capital and revenue budgets for 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan for 2019-23.

RESOLVED THAT – the draft revenue and capital budgets at Appendices A and B for 2019/20 be noted.

Environment and Public Realm Portfolio

61. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING CHARTER

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning a proposed private sector housing charter.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the draft Private Housing Sector Charter be adopted.

Item considered en bloc

62. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2019/20

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning the council tax base for 2019/20.

RESOLVED THAT – the Tax Base for 2019/20 be approved.

63. 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.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

64. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2019/20

Cabinet considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning the election of Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2019/20.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT, subject to the councillors concerned continuing to be Members of the Borough Council in that year,

- (a) Councillor William H Lewis be nominated for election as Mayor for 2019/20; and
- (b) Councillor Mrs D Roberts be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2019/20.

65. GARAGE SITE – UPDATE

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning progress with regard to a garage site in the borough.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT Option 3: Build out the Site as Social Housing be approved, and a supplementary HRA capital budget of £1,300,000 for 2018/19 be approved for the development and build of 8 social rented homes at the garage site detailed in the report, to be funded from HRA Capital Resources and Right to Buy receipts/Homes England grant.

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

Communities and Homes Portfolio

66. WOODSIDE PARK OPTIONS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Communities and Homes and Head of Corporate Resources (Part 2 – agenda item 3) concerning options for Woodside Park.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT in principle, approval be given for Officers to progress with consultation and discussions on the options for the future of the site as outlined in the report.

67. REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES AND PROJECTS TEAM

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 4) concerning a review of the Communities and Projects team within the Council.

RESOLVED THAT - the new proposed structure for the Communities and Projects Team, as outlined in table 2 of the report, be approved.

CHAIRMAN