

MINUTES OF CABINET

9 APRIL 2018

PRESENT:

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

Councillors Ms Edwards, Miss Lawrence, Roodhouse and Sandison were also in attendance.

89. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 13 of Part 1 – Appointments to Outside Bodies – Miscellaneous Appointments – Councillor Miss Lawrence (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a trustee of Hillmorton Charities).

91. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Growth and Investment Portfolio

92. WORLD RUGBY HALL OF FAME SCRUTINY REVIEW

Cabinet considered the report of the Brooke Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning proposed recommendations arising from a scrutiny review of the World Rugby Hall of Fame.

RESOLVED THAT – recommendations 1-6 of the scrutiny group (as detailed in section 1 of the report) be approved.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

93. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018 – 2023

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning a proposed Asset Management Strategy for 2018 to 2023.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

(1) the Asset Management Strategy 2018 to 2023 be approved; and

(2) a Cabinet led cross party joint members/officers working group be established to determine a detailed Asset Management Plan (AMP).

94. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018 – 2023

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning a proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2018 – 2023.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018 – 2023 (at Appendix 1 to the report) and associated financial policies be approved.

95. HUMAN RESOURCES STRATEGY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning a proposed Human Resources (HR) Strategy for 2018 to 2023 and a proposed increase to HR resources.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) the increase in HR resources as detailed in the report be approved and a supplementary revenue budget of £19,570 in 2018/19 be included, to be met from General Fund balances; and

(2) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the HR Strategy (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) be approved.

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

96. RATE RELIEF FOR RATEPAYERS

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning a proposed amendment to rate relief for ratepayers.

RESOLVED THAT - an amendment to Rugby's local discretionary revaluation support for ratepayers policy, approved on 30 October 2017 be made to increase the qualifying threshold for support from a rateable value of £100,000 to £125,000.

Items considered en bloc

97. RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL CONSULTATION – FAIR FUNDING REVIEW

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning the Council's response to the Government's Fair Funding review consultation.

RESOLVED THAT – the response to the Government's Fair Funding Review technical consultation be noted.

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

98. ENDORSEMENT OF STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 11) concerning the Council’s strategic risk register.

RESOLVED THAT – the updated Strategic Risk Register be endorsed.

99. RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (part 1 – agenda item 12) concerning progress on the Council’s risk management programme.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

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

100. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 13) concerning appointments to the Trustees of Hillmorton Charities and Trustees of Lawrence Sheriff Almshouses.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) Councillor Miss Lawrence be re-appointed by Rugby Borough Council as a representative to the Trustees of Hillmorton Charities for a four-year term of office expiring on 9 April 2022;
- (2) Mr Ron Price be re-appointed by Rugby Borough Council as a representative to the Trustees of Hillmorton Charities for a four-year term of office expiring on 9 April 2022; and
- (3) Councillor Gillias be appointed to the Trustees of Lawrence Sheriff Almshouses for a 3 year term of office expiring on 9 April 2021.

101. 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

102. BELL HOUSE – OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer, and Head of Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning an options appraisal for Bell House.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT –

(1) Bell House site be redeveloped to create new council homes for rent (18 Number proposed);

(2) a supplementary HRA capital budget of £1.570m be approved for the development project to be met from HRA capital resources and Homes England grant; and

(3) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director to agree Homes England grant terms (The grant will reduce capital outlay).

Communities and Homes Portfolio

103. PROCURING A REPLACEMENT HOUSING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning the procurement of a replacement housing management system.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

(1) the procurement of a replacement Housing Management System, through the Open Tender process, be approved;

(2) a supplementary HRA capital budget, as detailed within the report, be approved to appoint a supplier to deliver a housing management system;

(3) delegated authority be given to the Head of Communities and Homes to appoint a supplier, following successful conclusion of a procurement and evaluation process, according to the budget approved in recommendation 2; and

(4) Project Management costs for implementation be met from within existing capital budgets.

Items considered en bloc

104. EXEMPTION TO CONTRACT STANDNING ORDERS – APPOINTMENT OF A PROGRAMME OFFICER FOR THE RUGBY BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 2 – agenda item 3) concerning an exemption to Contract Standing Orders with regard the appointment of a Programme Officer for the Rugby Borough Local Plan.

RESOLVED THAT - the exemption to Contracts Standing Orders decision made by the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer on 28th July 2017 be noted.

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

105. URGENT DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – DIRECT ACTION

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 2 – agenda item 4) concerning an urgent decision taken under delegated powers with regard to direct action on a planning enforcement matter.

The Head of Growth and Investment provided an update at the meeting on progress with regard to the case.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

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

106. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources (Part 2 – agenda item 5) concerning write offs.

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

CHAIRMAN