

MINUTES OF CABINET

26 JUNE 2017

PRESENT:

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

Councillors Ms Edwards, Lewis, Mistry, Roodhouse and Sandison were also in attendance.

14. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 5 of Part 1 – The asset transfer of Brownsover Youth Hut – Councillor Ms Robbins (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being Vice-Chairman of the Brownsover Community Association).

Item 5 of Part 1 - The asset transfer of Brownsover Youth Hut – Councillor Ms Edwards (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a member of Brownsover Community Association).

16. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Growth and Investment Portfolio

17. THE ASSET TRANSFER OF BROWNSOVER YOUTH HUT

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the asset transfer of Brownsover Youth Hut.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) Rugby Borough Council accepts the asset transfer of the Brownsover Youth Hut from the YMCA;
- (2) a one off supplementary General Fund revenue budget in 2017/18 of £4,150 for remedial works to be carried out to the building be approved; and
- (3) the Youth Hut be leased to the Brownsover Community Association for day to day operation and associated running costs.

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

Corporate Resources Portfolio

18. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2016/17 – YEAR-END

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Resources and Head of Business Transformation (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Council's financial and performance position for 2016/17.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Council's financial position for 2016/17 be noted;
- (2) a General Fund revenue budget of £3,000 to be approved for 2017/18 only, to complete the Community Safety Partnership three-year plan to be funded from underspends identified in 2016/17;
- (3) a General Fund revenue budget of £40,500 be approved for 2017/18 only, to partially fund patching and repainting lines in the Council's car parks, to be funded from underspends identified from the 2016/17 Miscellaneous Highways budget; and
- (4) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -
 - (a) the 2016/17 transfers to General Fund earmarked reserves, as detailed at Appendix 2, be approved;
 - (b) the 2016/17 £52,000 to the HRA sheltered accommodation reserve be approved;
 - (c) a 2016/17 HRA revenue budget virement of £353,810 from Supervision & Management to the HRA Savings Target be approved;
 - (d) a 2016/17 HRA revenue budget virement of £447,120 from Amounts Set Aside for the Repayment of Debt to the HRA Savings Target be approved;
 - (e) supplementary General Fund revenue expenditure budgets totalling £183,770 and income budgets of £50,900 be approved for 2017/18 as a result of budget carry forwards from 2016/17 (see section 2.2);
 - (f) supplementary capital budgets be approved for 2017/18 as a result of budget carry forwards from 2016/17 as follows:
 - i. General Fund capital £1,196,690
 - ii. Housing Revenue Account capital £435,350;
 - (g) a 2017/18 General Fund salary budget virement of £72,390 to Customer Support Services from Work Services Unit following a successful trial period be approved; and
 - (h) performance summary and performance data included in Appendix 5 be considered and noted.

19. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES 2017/18

Cabinet considered the report of the Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning appointments to working parties for the 2017/18 municipal year.

RESOLVED THAT – appointments be made to working parties for 2017/18 as listed below.

Gypsies and Travellers Strategy and Action Plan Group

Councillors Mrs Crane, Ellis, Nash, Pacey-Day, Mrs Parker, Srivastava, Mrs Timms, Ms Watson-Merret plus Mr S White (co-optee – Warwickshire Association of Local Councils).

Grants Working Party

Councillors Brader, Mrs Bragg, Mrs Crane, Mrs Garcia, Mistry, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Nash, Mrs Roodhouse and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Planning Services Working Party

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Gillias, Mistry, Mrs O'Rourke, Roodhouse, Sandison, Mrs Simpson-Vince and Mrs Timms.

Health and Safety Members' Working Party

Councillors Mrs Bragg, Mrs Roodhouse and Srivastava.

Constitution Review Working Party

Councillors Lewis, Mahoney and Ms Robbins.

Waste Management Review Working Party

Councillors Mrs Avis, Cade, Lewis and Mrs Parker.

Civic Honours Working Party

Councillors Leigh Hunt, Mistry, Roberts and Roodhouse

Visitor Economy Cabinet Working Party

Councillors Cade, Lowe, Mistry, Sandison and Mrs Timms.

Communities and Homes Portfolio

20. FIRE SAFETY IN HIGH-RISE FLATS

Cabinet considered the additional report of the Head of Communities and Homes concerning fire safety in high-rise flats.

RESOLVED THAT – the Council works with the Fire and Rescue Service to facilitate the audit of the high-rise flats/blocks and acts upon recommendations on receipt of their report.

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

Environment and Public Realm Portfolio

21. FORMAL PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACES IN NEW BILTON

Cabinet considered the report of the Environment and Public Realm Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning the formal protection of sites with a Fields in Trust designation.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the proposed sites, as detailed in the report, be protected with a Fields in Trust designation.

22. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS – DOG CONTROL

Cabinet considered the report of the Environment and Public Realm Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning the transfer of the existing dog control orders into public space protection orders.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the existing 4 dog control orders be translated into public space protection orders and approved for adoption, subject to delegation to the Head of Environment and Public Realm to approve following consultation.

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

Items considered en bloc

23. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2016/17

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part – agenda item 10) concerning allowances claimed by Members for the 2016/17 financial year.

RESOLVED THAT – the allowances claimed by Members for 2016/17, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

24. TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2016/17 – ANNUAL REPORT

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 11) concerning the Council's treasury management annual report for 2016/17.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Treasury Management report for 2016/17 be considered; and
- (2) the actual treasury management indicators (Appendix A) be noted.

25. DRIVING ASSESSMENTS FOR DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCES

Cabinet considered the report of the Licensing and Safety Committee (Part 1 -0 agenda item m12) concerning driving assessments for dual drivers licences.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) all new applicants for dual drivers licences (and existing drivers subject to a licence review as appropriate) be required to pass a suitable taxi driving test of a similar standard to the previous Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) test from an approved provider;
- (2) the Blue Lamp Trust and Green Penny be approved as taxi driving test providers in Rugby and;
- (3) delegated authority be given to the Head of Environment and Public Realm, in conjunction with the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Licensing and Safety Committee, to approve any further driving tests and/or providers and to remove or amend any tests/providers as considered appropriate.

26. MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS

Cabinet considered the report of the Licensing and Safety Committee (Part 1- agenda item 13) concerning the provision of mandatory safeguarding training for all hackney carriage and private hire drivers.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) Council incorporate into its Taxi Licensing Policy the requirement that all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers licensed by the Council must attend a training course on the 'Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable People' approved by the Council;
- (2) the course provided by Barnardo's covering awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation be the Safeguarding Course to be used at the present time;
- (3) refresher training at an interval of three years be mandatory; and
- (4) the authority ensures the course content remains relevant by approving the modification or amendment of the course content be delegated to the officer holding the position of Head of Environment and Public Realm.

27. 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.

Items considered en bloc

28. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning write offs.

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

29. EXEMPTIONS TO CONTRACTS STANDING ORDERS – CREMATOR MAINTENANCE AT RAINSBROOK CREMATORIUM

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning an exemption to Contract Standing Orders with regard to cremator maintenance at Rainsbrook Crematorium.

RESOLVED THAT – the exemption to Contract Standing Orders approved by the Head of Corporate Resources be noted.

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

CHAIRMAN