

# MINUTES OF CABINET

31 OCTOBER 2016

## PRESENT:

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

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

## 52. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6 of Part 1 – On Track Service Development – Councillor Leigh Hunt (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of her involvement in CSW Broadband project).

Item 5 of Part 1 – Draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017-20 – Councillor Roodhouse (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being Chair of Fareham Youth Trust).

Item 5 of Part 1 – Draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017-20 – Councillor Sandison (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a Trustee of Fareham Youth Trust).

## 54. QUESTION TIME

The following question was received in accordance with the Council's public question time procedure.

Mr Allanach did not attend the meeting.

### **(a) Mr Richard Allanach asked the following question of the Leader of the Council:**

“Given the dependence of the Local Plan on WCC's Transport Assessment and RBC's staff problems with answering questions on the Transport Assessment at the area based consultation sessions, will the Leader of the Council direct Cllr Timms to hold a topic based consultation on the transport issues raised by the local plan to be attended by appropriate officers from WCC?”

**Councillor Stokes, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:**

“The Strategic Transport Assessment (STA) undertaken by WCC is a high level piece of work. The STA report sets out in detail the modelling methodology that has been used to identify traffic patterns and specific transport corridors requiring strategic mitigations as a result of proposed growth set out in the Local Plan.

The Local Plan Publication Draft reflects the outputs of the Strategic Modelling Assessment identifying the strategic mitigations required to support the housing and employment allocations contained within the Plan.

The purpose of the Local Plan Publication Draft consultation period is for comments to be received on the soundness of the Plan. Should concerns be raised about the transport evidence that supports the Plan then consultation responses should identify why the evidence or the policies contained within the Plan are not sufficient and thus unsound.

Therefore, it is considered that an individual topic based consultation on transport issues would not be required as the transport evidence that supports the Local Plan Publication Draft is contained within the STA report. This does not deter respondents to the Local Plan Publication Draft from contacting Council officers or the WCC Highways Team about specific queries that they have on the STA. To date, only one such person has contacted the Council seeking to speak to the WCC Highways Team.”

***Growth and Investment Portfolio***

**55. ON TRACK SERVICE DEVELOPMENT**

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the proposed development of the On Track service.

**RESOLVED THAT –**

- (1) a supplementary General Fund revenue expenditure budget of £14,240 to facilitate the restructuring of the service and a supplementary income budget of £19,180 for additional income from schools and youth provision delivery be approved;
- (2) the creation of two Senior On Track Leader twelve month fixed term posts to be approved, to be recruited via internal selection; and
- (3) the disestablishment of three On Track Leader posts be approved and with existing salary budgets redistributed across the new structure.

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

***Corporate Resources Portfolio***

**56. DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2017/18 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017-20**

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the draft General Fund and capital budget for 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan for 2017-20.

## **RESOLVED THAT –**

- (1) the initial draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget position for 2017/18 be considered alongside the Council's 2017-20 Medium Term Financial Plan;
- (2) approval be given to commence a consultation period with Parish Councils to remove allocation of all council tax support funding in future years;
- (3) Cabinet considers the key decisions section detailed within the report and identifies alternative income/savings sources to replace any items that are not to be included within the 2017/18 revenue budgets;
- (4) a detailed scheme by scheme review be carried out of the items in the Capital Programme in order to rationalise the overall programme in terms of affordability and sustainability; and
- (5) the Council's Efficiency Statement 2016-20 be noted.

## **57. CIVIC HONOURS – APPROVAL OF A PROTOCOL**

Cabinet considered the report of the Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning a proposed protocol for civic honours.

**RESOLVED THAT** – a decision on this item be deferred pending consultation with all Group Leaders through the Leaders' Steering Group.

### ***Communities and Homes Portfolio***

## **58. RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL OF SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE ASHWOOD COURT SUPPORTED HOUSING SCHEME**

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning retrospective approval of service charges for the Ashwood Court Supported Housing Scheme.

**RESOLVED THAT** - the service charges be retrospectively agreed on the Ashwood Court Supported Housing Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

## **59. 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.

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

#### **60. WORLD RUGBY HALL OF FAME VISITOR ATTRACTION**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning the World Rugby Hall of Fame visitor attraction.

##### **RESOLVED THAT –**

- (1) the successful implementation of the Hall of Fame to date be noted;
- (2) supplementary expenditure and income revenue budgets as presented in section 4.1 for the next 4 years be approved; and
- (3) the recruitment of additional visitor centre staff as summarised in section 3 of the report be approved.

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

### ***Corporate Resources Portfolio***

#### **61. RESTRUCTURE OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning a proposed restructure in the Human Resources (HR) team.

**RESOLVED THAT –** the proposed changes to the HR team structure, as detailed in the report, be approved.

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

##### ***Item considered en bloc***

#### **62. WRITE OFFS**

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources (Part 2 – agenda item 3) concerning write offs.

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

**CHAIRMAN**