

Minutes of Cabinet

25 January 2017

Present:

Councillor I.T.E. Harvey, Leader and Council Policy co-ordination
Councillor A.C. Harman, Deputy Leader and Towards a Sustainable Future programme (TaSF)
Councillor M.M. Attewell, Community Wellbeing
Councillor N.J. Gething, Planning and Economic Development
Councillor A.J. Mitchell, Environment and Compliance
Councillor H.R.D. Williams, Finance and Customer Service

Apologies:

Councillor C.B. Barnard, Corporate Management
Councillor J.M. Pinkerton OBE, Housing

Councillors in attendance:

Councillor C.A. Davis
Councillor S.C. Mooney
Councillor D. Saliagopoulos

2327 Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21 December 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

2328 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

2329 Petition on hot meals at Staines Community Centre

Cabinet received a petition containing 92 signatures calling on the Council to reverse its decision to close the hot meal service at Staines Community Centre.

Tel Donaldson spoke on behalf of the petitioners.

Councillor Davis then spoke as a Staines ward councillor and Councillor Saliagopoulos spoke as a Surrey County councillor for Staines.

Councillor Attewell as portfolio holder for Community and Wellbeing responded to the petition and commented that a late indication of interest to tender for the provision of a full catering service at Staines Community Centre had been received and was being progressed with support from Council officers.

The Cabinet had the option to support or dismiss the action the petition called for. Councillor Attewell proposed that Cabinet dismiss the petition but that the position be reviewed in 6 months' time.

The Cabinet discussed the matter.

RESOLVED that Cabinet dismiss the petition but undertake a review of the position in six months' time.

2330 Surrey Flood Risk Management Strategy - Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report on the draft Surrey Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017- 2032, which would enable Surrey County Council to fulfil its statutory duty as the lead local Flood Authority.

The updated strategy sets out how the responsible authorities in Surrey are seeking to manage the impact of flooding from rivers, ground and surface water. In recognition of the long term nature of measures needed to address flood risk, the strategy is proposed for a fifteen year period. During this time rolling action plans would be developed to address those long term needs in Surrey and specifically for Spelthorne mitigation of flooding from the River Thames via the River Thames scheme.

Alternative options considered and rejected by the Cabinet:
Not to support the strategy would be counterproductive in taking forward measures to mitigate flooding the Borough.

Resolved:

1. to approve the Draft Surrey Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017-2032; and
2. that the Group Head for Commissioning and Transformation be authorised to approve, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, minor modifications to the draft strategy in light of amendments required to be made by Surrey County Council arising from its public consultation.

Reason for Decision

To enable Surrey County Council to fulfil its Statutory Duty to produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Surrey.

2331 Fees and Charges 2017-2018 - Key Decision

Cabinet considered the detailed schedule of proposed fees and charges to be introduced from 1 April 2017.

The proposed fees and charges for the next financial year had in the majority of cases been up rated by 2% which is the current inflation rate (RPI). Some fees had been amended to reflect the maximum level it was perceived that the

market could currently stand, while in some cases, there was no increase proposed for 2017/18.

Councillor Williams noted one change to the fees and charges at page 44 of Appendix A – the fee for the upstairs or downstairs area of Staines Community Centre (Community Use) on a Saturday evening was revised to £35.

Resolved to approve the fees and charges for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix A to the report, subject to the fee for the upstairs or downstairs area of Staines Community Centre (Community Use) on a Saturday evening being revised to £35.

Reason for decision

Fees and charges are an important source of income for the authority each year and are of key importance in balancing the budget.

2332 Treasury Management Strategy Statement - Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report on the Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18.

The Council had borrowed and invested substantial sums of money and was therefore exposed to financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the revenue effect of changing interest rates. The successful identification, monitoring and control of risk are therefore central to the Council's treasury management strategy.

Resolved to recommend that Council approves the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18.

Reason for Decision

The Treasury Management Strategy is fundamental to developing the financial sustainability of the Council.

2333 Leader's announcements

The Leader announced a part reshuffle of the Cabinet as follows:

Councillor Mitchell will assume Councillor Barnard's Corporate Management portfolio, Councillor Gething will assume Councillor Mitchell's Environment and Compliance portfolio and Councillor Barnard will assume Councillor Gething's Planning and Economic Development portfolio.

2334 Urgent items

There were none.

NOTES:-

- (1) Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are reminded that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16, the “call-in” procedure shall not apply to recommendations the Cabinet makes to the Council. The matters on which recommendations have been made to the Council, if any, are identified with an asterisk [*] in the above Minutes.**
- (2) Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are entitled to call in decisions taken by the Cabinet for scrutiny before they are implemented, other than any recommendations covered under (1) above.**
- (3) Within five working days of the date on which a decision of the Cabinet or a Cabinet Member is published, not less than three members [one of whom must be the Chairman] of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are able to "call in" a decision;**
- (4) To avoid delay in considering an item "called in", an extraordinary meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be convened within seven days of a "call in" being received if an ordinary meeting is not scheduled in that period;**
- (5) When calling in a Cabinet decision for review the members doing so should in their notice of "call in":-**

 - Outline their reasons for requiring a review;**
 - Indicate any further information they consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee needs to have before it in order to conduct a review in addition to the written report made by officers to the Cabinet;**
 - Indicate whether, where the decision was taken collectively by the Cabinet, they wish the Leader or his nominee (who should normally be the Cabinet Member) or where the decision was taken by a Cabinet Member, the member of the Cabinet making the decision, to attend the committee meeting; and**
 - Indicate whether the officer making the report to the Cabinet or the Cabinet Member taking the decision or his/her representative should attend the meeting.**
- (6) The deadline of five working days for "call in" by Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the above decisions by the Cabinet is the close of business on 3rd February 2017.**