

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

17 July 2012

Present:

Councillor F. Ayers (Leader of the Council, Chairman of the Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Corporate Governance)
Councillor Mrs. J.M. Pinkerton (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Independent Living)
Councillor Mrs C.A. Bannister (Cabinet Member for Communications)
Councillor T.J.M. Evans (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources)
Councillor G.E. Forsbrey (Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing)
Councillor N. Gething (Cabinet Member for Economic Development)
Councillor Mrs. D.L. Grant (Parks and Assets)
Councillor R.L. Watts (Cabinet Member for Environment)

Apologies: Councillor P.C. Forbes-Forsyth (Cabinet Member for Parks and Leisure)

1828. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 and the extraordinary meeting held on 2 July 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

1829. Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

1830. *Supplementary Planning Documents for housing and flooding

Cabinet considered the minutes and recommendations of the LDF Working Party meeting of 11 June 2012 on the adoption of the two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) on 'Flooding' and 'Housing Size and Type', which had been amended following consultation on the draft documents.

RESOLVED to recommend Council to adopt the Supplementary Planning Documents on Flooding and Housing Size and Type, subject to amendments as shown in Appendices C and D of the report to the LDF Working Party on 11 June 2012.

1831. Treasury Management Annual Report 2011-2012

Cabinet considered an update report on the outturn treasury position achieved against the prevailing interest rate and economic backgrounds operating in 2011/12.

The report also detailed the borrowing and investment strategies followed during 2011/12 and the policy for managing the Council's investments and the outturn Prudential Indicators for 2011/12.

RESOLVED to note the Treasury Management annual report for 2011-2012.

1832. Revenue Outturn Report 2011-2012

Cabinet considered a report on the provisional outturn spend on the revenue budget in 2011/12.

RESOLVED to note the provisional revenue outturn position for 2011-2012

1833. Integration of Spelthorne and Runnymede ICT – Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report on the proposed integration of the information technology teams at Spelthorne and Runnymede Borough Councils, with the aim of delivering a joint service across both authorities and seeking authority to commence consultation with staff, with a view to Spelthorne becoming the employing authority.

Cabinet noted that the proposed integration would mean financial savings for both authorities.

RESOLVED to agree that:

- (i) in principle, the integration of the ICT teams as described in the report goes ahead and that the Head of ICT is delegated to commence consultation with staff with a view to Spelthorne becoming the employing authority, and
- (ii) the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Head of Corporate Governance, is delegated to negotiate the terms of an agreement with Runnymede to recover costs and deal with all other relevant legal and governance issues as may be advised.

1834. Bailiff Contract Review – Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report requesting permission to extend the existing Bailiff contract by a further six months from 1 January 2013 until 30 June 2013.

Cabinet noted that by extending the existing contract the Council would be able to effectively plan its corporate requirements for Bailiff services for the future.

RESOLVED to agree to extend the existing Bailiff contract until 30 June 2013.

1835. Gambling Policy 2013-16

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to consult on a revised Statement of Gambling Policy for 2013-2016.

RESOLVED to approve the revised Statement of Gambling Policy for 2013-2016 for consultation, subject to including the Spelthorne Business Forum in the list of consultees.

1836. Issues for Future Meetings

Councillor Watts requested a future report on the development potential at Laleham Park.

1837. Urgent Items

Councillor Watts expressed his thanks to officers for procuring the tender for replacement heating at Knowle Green at such a competitive price.

NOTES:-

- (1) Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are reminded that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule, 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 three 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 three 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 26 July 2012**