

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

20 September 2011

Present:

Councillor Mrs. V.J. Leighton (Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Cabinet)
Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley (Deputy Leader of the Council, Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing)
Councillor F. Ayers (Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Assets)
Councillor C. A. Davis (Cabinet Member for Economic Development)
Councillor T.J.M. Evans (Cabinet Member for Finance)
Councillor N. St. J. Gething (Cabinet Member for Communications) and
Councillor R.L. Watts (Cabinet Member for Environment)

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. J.M. Pinkerton and P.C. Forbes-Forsyth.

1726. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

1727. Disclosures of interest

Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley disclosed a personal interest in items 8, Compulsory Purchase of 1 Mulberry Avenue, Stanwell and item 10, appropriation of land in Stanwell, as he is the Council's representative on the Board of A2D.

1728. Minutes of the Spelthorne Youth Council meeting 14 July 2011

Cabinet discussed the minutes of the Spelthorne Youth Council meeting held on 14 July 2011.

Resolved that Cabinet notes the minutes of the Spelthorne Youth Council meeting held on 14 July 2011.

1729. Minutes and recommendations of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Party

Cabinet discussed the minutes and recommendations of the LDF Working Party meeting held on 30 August 2011.

Cabinet noted that the Council has already responded to the Government's consultation on the draft National Policy.

Resolved that Cabinet notes the minutes and recommendations of the LDF Working Party of 30 August 2011.

1730. Capital monitoring report

Cabinet considered a report on the spend figures for the capital programme for the period April to July 2011.

Resolved that Cabinet notes the latest position on the capital spend programme.

1731. Revenue monitoring report

Cabinet considered a report on the revenue spend position as at 31 July 2011 and the reasons for the variances identified against the budget agreed in February 2011.

Resolved that Cabinet notes the contents of the revenue monitoring report for the period April to July 2011.

1732. Compulsory purchase of 1 Mulberry Avenue, Stanwell

Cabinet considered a report on the use of compulsory purchase powers to assist A2Dominion (A2D) to implement Phase 2 of the Stanwell New Start scheme.

The options considered were in the main body of the report.

Resolved that Cabinet agrees, in principle, to use its compulsory purchase powers to acquire 1 Mulberry Avenue, Stanwell on behalf of A2D, subject to the Council's costs being met by A2D.

1733. Promoting Staines: changing the name to Staines-upon-Thames

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to undertake a consultation exercise in October 2011 on the proposal to change the name of Staines to Staines-upon-Thames.

The options considered were in the main body of the report.

Resolved that Cabinet agrees to a consultation to commence on 1 October 2011, on the proposed name change.

1734. Appropriation of land at Stanwell

Cabinet considered a report on the proposed appropriation of land in Stanwell from the purposes of housing to the purposes of improvement and development which is required for the Stanwell New Start regeneration project to proceed.

Resolved that Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Head of Corporate Governance to:

- a. Consider any objections received in response to the advertisement of intention to appropriate the land in Stanwell used as open space.
- b. Decide whether or not, having regard to any objections, to finalise the proposed appropriation of the land in Stanwell which is to be transferred to A2D from the purposes of housing to the purposes of improvement and development.
- c. Record any appropriation made by reporting to Cabinet.

1735. Declaration of the Ash Link Local Nature Reserve

Cabinet considered a report on the proposal to declare Ash Link a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) using the powers granted to local authorities under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

The options considered were in the main body of the report.

Cabinet noted that the success of this project had been due, in no small part, to the work of local volunteers.

Resolved that Cabinet agrees the declaration and public notice of the Ash Link Local Nature Reserve.

1736. Review of Polling districts, Polling places and Polling stations

Cabinet considered a report on the proposal to rationalise the number of Polling districts, places and stations with a view to achieving a fair balance between the number of voters allocated to each station and making best use of the premises available, having regard to costs and statutory requirements.

Resolved to recommend to Council to confirm the recommendations submitted and to incorporate them into the Electoral Register when published on 1 December 2011 and used for all elections thereafter.

1737. Trevor Roberts Associates (TRA) report on Planning outcome report

Cabinet considered a report on the completion and implementation of all the recommendations of the TRA review of the Planning department.

Resolved that Cabinet:

- a. Notes the report and confirms that the TRA review of the Planning department has been successfully completed.
- b. Agrees to refer the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 November 2011.

1738. Denman Drive site investigation

Cabinet considered a report on the outcome of the site investigation and subsequent remediation of an open space in Denman Drive.

Cabinet noted that residents are very satisfied with the outcome of the work.

Resolved that Cabinet retrospectively approves a capital cost of £110,483 which will be funded by DEFRA for the remediation works to the site.

1739. Tyre Contract renewal

Cabinet considered a report requesting delegated authority for the Head of StreetScene to select the most economically advantageous tender for the supply of tyres for the Council's fleet of frontline service vehicles.

Resolved that Cabinet agrees to delegate authority for the Head of StreetScene, in consultation with the Portfolio holder, to select the most economically advantageous tender for the supply of tyres for the Council's fleet of frontline service vehicles.

1740. Issues for future meetings

There were none.

1741. Urgent items

There were none.

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 30 September 2011**