

Minutes of Cabinet

25 June 2013

Present:

Councillor R.L. Watts, Leader of the Council, Chairman of the Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Corporate Governance
Councillor P. Forbes-Forsyth, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Young People, Leisure and Culture
Councillor T.J.M. Evans, Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor N. Gething, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Fixed Assets
Councillor V.J. Leighton, Cabinet Member for Corporate Development
Councillor T. Mitchell, Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor J.M. Pinkerton OBE, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Independent Living
Councillor J. Sexton, Cabinet Member for Communications, ICT and Procurement

Apologies: Councillor S. Webb, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing

In attendance:

Councillor A. Patterson

1929. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

1930. Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

1931. Minutes of the Local Plan Working Party held on 6 June 2013

Cabinet received the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2013.

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the minutes and agrees:

- a) To continue to progress with the introduction of a CIL charging system.
- b) The Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule and supporting evidence for public consultation in accordance with statutory requirements.
- c) To re-affirm the programme previously agreed.

1932. Provisional Capital Outturn 2012-13

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer on the provisional capital outturn spend for 2012-13.

RESOLVED to note the provisional capital outturn position for 2012-13.

1933. Treasury Management Annual Report for 2012-13

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer on the Treasury performance for 2012-13.

RESOLVED to note the Treasury performance for 2012-13.

1934. Provisional Revenue Outturn 2012-13

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer on the provisional revenue outturn position for 2012-13.

Cabinet wished to record its thanks to Terry Collier, Adrian Flynn, Jo Hanger and the whole team for their hard work on the finance reports.

RESOLVED to note the provisional revenue outturn position for 2012-13.

1935. Leisure and Culture Strategy 2013-16 (1st draft) – Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report on the first draft of the Leisure and Culture Strategy.

RESOLVED that the report be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9 July 2013 and then comes back to the Cabinet meeting on 24 September 2013.

Reason for the decision:

Cabinet wanted to obtain and consider the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee before agreeing to the Strategy going out to public consultation.

1936. Fly tipping

Cabinet considered a report on the level of fly tipping in Spelthorne and the employment of a fly tipping officer.

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

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves:

- 1) Option 4, the submission of a bid to the Surrey County Council Local Committee for the employment of a full time fly tipping officer on a one year trial at a maximum cost of £60,000. (This would include a vehicle and camera costs in the first year and Spelthorne clearing all fly tips currently the responsibility of Surrey County Council but not any out of hours work associated with fly tipping).
- 2) The installation of appropriate signage as soon as possible at known fly tipping hotspots around the borough.

Reason for the decision:

Cabinet noted that fly tipping is a problem in the Borough.

1937. Christmas lights in Staines-upon-Thames Town Centre

Cabinet considered a report on the provision of Christmas lights in Staines-upon-Thames town centre.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves in retrospect:

- 1) The decision made by the Chief Executive following consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for the purchase of the Christmas lights, and

- 2) The decision made by Councillor Watts, Leader of the Council, to approve provision of £26,700 within the capital budget to allow for the purchase of the lights.

Reason for the decision:

Cabinet noted that residents and businesses alike value the amenity that Christmas lights provide.

1938. Response to the consultation on Surrey's Draft Rail Strategy

Cabinet considered a report on Surrey's strategy for the long-term development of railway provision both within Surrey and to London and the rest of the country.

RESOLVED that Cabinet confirms the Council's support for Surrey's draft Rail Strategy.

Reason for the decision:

Cabinet noted that there are probably longer-term benefits to the Borough from the sort of major rail projects being considered, including enhanced links to Heathrow airport.

1939. Discretionary Housing Payments Policy 2013-14

Cabinet considered a report on the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) discretionary housing payments scheme, administered by the Council on behalf of the DWP.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees the Discretionary Housing Payments Policy for 2013-14.

Reason for the decision:

Cabinet noted that the scheme helps tenants who experience a shortfall in their rental payments and can prevent homelessness in the long run.

1940. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2013-14

Cabinet considered a report on the proposed nominations to represent the Council on Outside Bodies, the Surrey County Council Spelthorne Local Committee, and the Working Groups for 2013-14.

Cabinet noted that, at its meeting on 24 June 2013, the Surrey County Council Local Committee in Spelthorne agreed to appoint deputies for the year 2013-14.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

1. Appoints representatives to the Outside Bodies, SCC Local Committee in Spelthorne, and the Working Groups for 2013-2014, as shown in Appendix A of the report, and
2. Agrees the nomination of representatives for appointment to the Surrey Leaders' Group of representatives on Outside Bodies for 2013-14.

1941. Issues for Future Meetings

There were none.

1942. Urgent Items

The Leader briefed the Cabinet on the fact that Spelthorne is to become Capita's Centre of Excellence in Surrey for the Council's Customer Service Strategy.

- Spelthorne has worked with Capita since 1988 as the Council's main software supplier for its revenues and benefits section.

- Capita will invest in Spelthorne to install web-based software which will allow residents to completely self-serve in relation to revenues and benefits.
- Capita's investment will save the Council money.
- Cabinet wished to record its thanks to Linda Norman, Head of Customer Services, for her hard work in securing this contract.

1943. Exempt Business

There was 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 2 July 2013**

