

Minutes of Cabinet

30 April 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 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, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Independent Living
Councillor J. Sexton, Cabinet Member for Communications, ICT and Procurement

Apologies:

Councillor T.J.M. Evans, Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor S. Webb, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing

In attendance:

Councillors F. Ayers, M. Bushnell, C. Bannister, A. Patterson

1920. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

1921. Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

1922. Minutes of the Local Plan Working Party held on 9 April 2013

Cabinet received the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2013.

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the minutes and agrees:

- a) The draft Local Economic Assessment as a basis for public consultation – subject to further clarification of Figure 23 on job vacancies and reference to congestion in paragraph 5.7.
- b) Public consultation on the LEA takes place between mid-May and mid-June and uses an appropriate range of means to engage with local businesses and residents.
- c) The public consultation be accompanied by a survey of Spelthorne businesses and for the findings to be reflected in the final version of the Local Economic Assessment.
- d) The remaining programme for completing the Local Economic Assessment and progressing the Economic Strategy.

1923. Spelthorne Pay Award 2013-14

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer on whether to make a pay award for 2013-14, and if so, the form of that award.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees to:

1. An interim pay award of 0.5% from 1 April 2013 for staff up to and including Grade 6.
2. Leave other options open until the final national pay settlements are known.
3. Match the national pay awards, when known, for those staff to whom they apply.
4. The Chief Executive reporting back to Cabinet on proposals for arrangements in future years, including the establishment of a remuneration committee.

Reason for the decision:

The Cabinet has built provision into the 2013-14 budget equivalent to a 1% of the pay bill to enable a pay increase to be made to staff with the aim of weighting the increase towards the lower paid staff. Consistent with this, the Cabinet will provide a 0.5% increase for staff up to the top of Grade 6 from May 2013, backdated to April, and will then await the outcome of the national pay negotiations in order to see what room for flexibility, if any, there is after matching the final national award and paying to staff, to weight the increase towards the lower paid staff.

1924. Proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence Fees for 2013-14

Cabinet considered a report on the proposal to increase the hackney carriage and private hire licence fees for 2013-14.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees the proposed hackney carriage and private hire licence fees for 2013-14, as set out in Appendix A to the Assistant Chief Executive's report.

Reason for the decision:

Cabinet noted that the fees' increase was necessary in order for the Council to recover the cost of providing a service.

1925. Playing Pitch Strategy for Spelthorne

Cabinet considered a report on the first draft of a playing pitch strategy which will go out to the Council's statutory and voluntary partners for consultation.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees the first draft of the Playing Pitch Strategy for consultation.

Reason for the decision:

Cabinet noted that a new strategy is essential in order to inform the Council's decisions about future pitch provision.

1926. Issues for Future Meetings

There were none.

1927. Urgent Items

There were none.

1928. 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 7 May 2013**