

Report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet

Meeting held on 25 April 2018

This is my report as the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet. It is an overview of the main business considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 25 April 2018.

However, we also considered one further item of business; the Anti-fraud, Bribery and Corruption Strategy which was a recommendation to Council and therefore it has already been considered earlier on this agenda.

1. Recommendation from the Local Plan Working Party

1.1 We agreed:

- To publish:
 - the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment
 - the interim Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
 - the Employment Land Needs Assessment
 - the Retail and Town Centre Study;
- the Consultation Strategy for the upcoming Issues and Options consultation for the new Local Plan; and
- the content of the Consultation Paper, and gave authority to the Strategic Planning Manager to make minor amendments and corrections that do not affect the overall content.

2. Procurement Strategy

- 2.1 We considered a review of the Procurement Strategy which had been updated following the appointment of the Procurement and Contracts Manager in September 2017. This had enabled the Council to start fully implementing the strategy and ensure our contract register is up to date.
- 2.2 The strategy and action plan provide a strategic approach with practical implementation through the action plan to improve our commissioning and procurement approaches.
- 2.3 We approved the updated Strategy and action plan.

3. Acquisition of Properties K, L, and M

- 3.1 We considered exempt reports on the acquisition of 3 assets for investment.
- 3.2 We approved the acquisition of the investment assets and gave authority to:
 - the Chief Executive to undertake any necessary negotiations and complete the acquisitions (in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance);

- the Chief Finance Officer to decide the most financially advantageous funding arrangements for the purchases and ensure the acquisitions are prudentially affordable; and
- the Head of Corporate Governance to enter into any legal documentation necessary to acquire the assets.

Councillor Ian Harvey

Leader of the Council

26 April 2018