

Minutes of Cabinet

30 January 2019

Present:

Councillor I.T.E. Harvey, Leader and Council Policy co-ordination
Councillor A.C. Harman, Deputy Leader and Communications
Councillor M.M. Attewell, Community Wellbeing
Councillor C. Barnard, Planning and Economic Development
Councillor J.R. Boughtflower, Corporate Management
Councillor M.P.C. Francis, Housing
Councillor D. Patel, Environment and Compliance
Councillor O. Rybinski, Customer Service, Estates and Transport
Councillor H.R.D. Williams, Finance

2559 Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 11 December 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

2560 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

2561 Leader's announcements

The following are the latest service updates from various Council departments.

Christmas events and initiatives included:

- A Christmas lunch for carers
- Gifts for meals on wheels customers
- Lantern parade in Stanwell
- Funding provided to help replace the Rotary Club Christmas float
- Christmas Glow badminton event

Also in December, a Pride of Spelthorne award ceremony was held in recognition of the people who give their time and commitment to a variety of organisations, charities and local Groups.

The Council promoted its environmental contributions in 2018 including adding solar panels to day centres, replacing plastic cups with paper cups for visitors and meetings, and making the Knowle Green building more energy efficient by replacing windows and lighting.

Property investment FAQs have been added to the website and social media accounts to explain the reasons behind the strategy and what is enabling us to achieve.

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The Council sent comprehensive responses to Surrey County Council's recent consultations which propose changes to children's centres, concessionary bus fares, Special Educational needs and disability (SEND), libraries and cultural services, and community recycling centres (CRCs). We realize that the County Council is facing unprecedented financial pressure, however cuts should not be at the expense of the most vulnerable in our communities and the County needs to flesh out their proposals so that residents understand the full implications.

The Council is urging residents to respond to Heathrow's latest consultation on proposed changes to airspace and future operations. People need to be aware that changes to airspace will have an impact on the whole Borough, not just those towns and villages closest to the airport, and includes proposals to change the existing airport operations regardless of whether or not the airport gets a third runway. This includes a proposal for an additional 25,000 flights and the areas where flight paths could be positioned.

Spelthorne Borough Council has been working with Runnymede Council and Metropolitan Housing to improve the CCTV coverage in Sunbury with new cameras being installed at Spelthorne Grove and Sunbury Cross roundabout. There are further plans to improve CCTV coverage in other parts of the Borough.

Expected to be completed by early February, Clare Road shopping parade is the latest area to benefit from improvements following completion of works to the shopping parades in Edinburgh Drive and Groveley Road. Works to improve Woodlands Parade, Ashford are expected to start in mid-February.

2562 *Treasury Management Strategy Statement - Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2019/20 which the Council is required to approve before the start of each financial year.

The Council had taken advice from its Treasury advisers, Arlingclose, to ensure a prudent and robust approach in the Strategy, which considers the external financial context and provides information on the local context in terms of current investment and borrowing.

Resolved to recommend that Council approves the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/20 as set out in this report.

Reason for the decision:

The Treasury Management Strategy is fundamental to developing the financial sustainability of the Council.

2563 Urgent Action

Cabinet noted that on 28 November 2018, the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, agreed a letting within the Thames Tower, Reading. This was not a Key Decision.

The matter was considered as an urgent action because the lease had to be signed before the Cabinet was next due to meet.

2564 Urgent items

There were none.

2565 Exempt Business

Resolved to move the exclusion of the Press and Public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006.

2566 Exempt report - Acquisition update

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Cabinet received an exempt report providing an update on progress with an investment acquisition.

Resolved to note the update on an investment acquisition.

NOTES:-

- (1) *Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are reminded that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16, 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 five 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 five 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 February 2018.***