

**MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED EXTRAORDINARY CABINET MEETING
HELD AT 9:45PM ON
WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Holdich (Chair), Councillor Ayres, Councillor Fitzgerald, Councillor Hiller, Councillor Lamb, Councillor Seaton, Councillor Smith, and Councillor Walsh

Cabinet Advisors Present: Councillor Allen and Councillor Stokes

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elsey.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were received.

17. CONSULTATION ON CHANGES OF GOVERNANCE WITH FIRE

Cabinet received a report in relation to the consultation launched by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, on changes to the governance of the fire and rescue service in Cambridgeshire. The purpose of the report was to respond to the consultation.

The Chief Executive advised Cabinet of the recommendation of Council, which proposed objection to option 3 (Governance Model) set out in the Police and Crime Commissioner Business Case and support for option 2 (Representative Model). Council has further recommended that a blue light hub be investigated in greater detail.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Object to the option as detailed within the Police and Crime Commissioner Business Case option 3 (Governance Model) and supports option 2 (Representative Model);
2. Use the response of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Fire Authority to the consultation either in whole or part to support the preferred option 2;
3. State it was the view of the Council that a blue light hub, based on the Fire Service and Ambulance service, was looked at in greater detail, as there was a clear and historical synergy between both of these important public services; and
4. Delegate the preparation of a full written response to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, by the closing date of 4 September 2017.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure that a cohesive and formal response be provided to the Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation on changes to the governance of the fire and rescue service in Cambridgeshire.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

To not submit a single Peterborough City Council response. This option was dismissed as a response from the Council as a whole was considered to have greater impact.

Chairman
9:45pm – 9:47pm
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