

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD AT 10:00AM, ON  
MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2018  
BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

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

**Cabinet Advisors Present:** Councillor Allen and Councillor Stokes

**74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fitzgerald

**75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**76. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**77. PETITIONS PRESENTED TO CABINET**

There were no petitions presented to Cabinet.

**STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

**78. REPORT OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY**

The Cabinet received a report from the Task and Finish Group to Assist the Development of a New Homelessness Strategy.

The purpose of this report was to consider the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group to develop a new draft Homelessness Strategy and endorse the strategy to Full Council for approval.

The Cabinet Member introduced the report and explained that there were a variety of reasons for people to present as homeless. This was different to those who were classed as rough sleepers, or those on the housing waiting list. Presenting as homeless referred to those that had or were facing the loss of their home. The Cabinet Member thanked the Task and Finish Group Members and officers for their work, which was diligent and well researched.

Councillor Lane, the Chairman of the Task and Finish Group advised that the Group worked closely with partner agencies to create the strategy, with expert guidance from officers. The work of the Group was timely, with the implementation of new legislation

around homelessness. It was noted that the work around homelessness did not stop with the introduction of this strategy.

Cabinet debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- A number of questions raised when the recommendations were considered by the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee included continued work and how the delivery of the strategy would be overseen.
- Accordingly, the governance of the strategy would be reviews to ensure strong oversight.
- It was considered very important to engage thoroughly with local private landlords, with one of the Group's recommendations including the formation of a landlord's forum.
- The Council had already made a start in reducing the number of people in temporary accommodation, with an improved toolkit for prevention. This had also been assistance with the creation of Medesham Homes Ltd.
- The matter of empty homes was discussed, which was a national problem.
- The Group visited a number of other authorities in London areas, including a borough that was trailing the newly proposed legislation.
- It was also a priority for the Council to help to tackle entrenched rough sleepers who were not currently engaging. It was felt that a different style of outreach was required in order to help these individuals change their lifestyles.
- It was noted that if individuals continued not to engage with support programmes then there were enforcement actions the Council could employ.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to recommend that Council approve the report and recommendations contained within.

#### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The statutory requirement to conduct a review of homelessness and have a current homelessness strategy in readiness for the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

No alternative options were considered.

### **79. MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN – PRELIMINARY DRAFT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Cabinet received a report on the preliminary draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan for public consultation, following the decision of Cabinet on 10 July 2017 to proceed with a new plan jointly with Cambridgeshire County Council.

The purpose of this report was to agree the preliminary draft plan for the first round of formal consultation. This was the first of a number of stages that would take place before the plan was finalised and adopted.

The Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development introduced the report and explained that the draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan was simplified and streamlined, and had been considered by the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee and the Planning and Environment Protection Committee. No new sites had been added into the plan at this stage.

Cabinet debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- It was questioned whether recycling on site had cut down on use of quarries. Officers advised that this was the intention, however, figures were not available.
- Concerns were raised in relation the restoration of wildlife on quarry sites. It was advised that protected sites would be avoided and that restoration plans were put in place that were implemented from the first day of work.
- In relation to who would be responsible for any resulting nature reserves, this would be determined on a case by case basis. The Planning and Environmental Protection Committee would consider the future management of sites in there determinations.
- There were a number of efficiencies results from working Cambridgeshire County Council. This included a sharing of costs and a sharing in expertise. It was anticipated that working with together would result in a better quality plan.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to:

1. Approve the attached Cambridgeshire-Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Preliminary Draft, for the purpose of subsequent public consultation commencing in May 2018, subject to the insertion of an additional paragraph in the Introduction of the Plan as recommended by Planning and Environmental Protection Committee (see paragraph 4.10 of the agenda report below).
2. Delegate to officers authority to make any minor non-consequential amendments to the Plan as attached, prior to consultation, in order to: correct any typographical errors or factual matters; improve presentation; or address any minor amendments arising from the Plan's consideration by Cambridgeshire County Council's democratic process.
3. Delegate to the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development authority to make more substantive changes to the Plan as attached, prior to consultation, provided he should see fit to do so, if it would help to address any more substantive suggested amendments arising from the Plan's consideration by Cambridgeshire County Council's democratic process.

## **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Two main reasons for the decision were:

- As a 'top tier' authority, the council had a statutory duty to maintain a Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
- The council had previously agreed (2017) to proceed with preparation of an updated Plan.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

1. To not prepare a plan. This option was rejected by Cabinet in July 2017.
2. Any options relating to not undertaking consultation or not complying with national policy were immediately rejected, as it would be unlawful to do so.
3. Alternative options for Plan content would be considered (and appraised under the legally required sustainability appraisal framework) as the Plan progressed.

## **80. 20mph Speed Limits In Werrington – Working Group**

The Cabinet received a report on following a decision made at Full Council on 24 January 2018 in relation to a petition submitted to the Council. This petition requested the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in parts of the Werrington area.

The purpose of this report was for Cabinet to consider setting up a cross-party working group to consider the petition request.

The Cabinet Member for Communities introduced the report and explained that this matter had been debate and referred from Full Council. It was considered that an end date of July 2018 gave the working group sufficient time. It was felt beneficial to consider not just Werrington, but requests for 20mph speed limits in general. The working group should formulate a criteria to assess such requests. It was proposed that this be added into the working group's terms of reference.

Cabinet debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- It was felt that a criteria for future use in such situations would be useful.
- Further suggestion was made that the matter of enforcement should be included within the terms of reference and that the police should be consulted.
- With the additional inclusions in the terms of reference it was suggested that the date for the working group to report should remain as July. If an extension was required then this could be requested at that time.
- With the local elections in May it was anticipated that officers would begin gathering evidence and that the first meeting of the working group would be held after the elections.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to:

1. Establish a cross-party working group to explore the options for introducing a 20mph speed limit on The Green, Church Street, Amberley Slope, Twelvetree Avenue and parts of Lincoln Road and Fulbridge Road approaching the Lincoln Road / Church Street and Fulbridge Road / The Green junctions, to review and make recommendations on the precise area to be covered, and to report back to Cabinet with their recommendations;
2. Agree the draft terms of reference for the working group, subject to:
  - The amendment of item 10 to provide for the formulation of a set of criteria, including safety and health considerations, to be used as a toolkit in the assessment of future potential 20mph speed limit areas in the Peterborough area.
  - The addition an item 11 to consider the effectiveness and financial implications of enforcement, in consultation with the police; and
3. Agree the working group reports back to Cabinet with recommendations and findings by July 2018.

## **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The decision followed a decision made at Full Council in January 2018.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not forming a working group would not allow the issues of residents and the consensus of Council to be fully investigated.

## **81. BUDGET CONTROL REPORT JANUARY 2018**

The Cabinet received a report on that provided an update on the Budget position in January 2018.

The purpose of this report was to provide Cabinet with an update as part of the Council's agreed process within the Budget and Policy framework that required Cabinet to initiate and consider financial strategy and budget proposals in order to set a balanced budget for the forthcoming financial year.

The Cabinet Member for Resources introduced the report and explained that the budget position had improved by £1 million since December. It was currently anticipated that there would be a £3.5 million underspend, which would be transferred to the Council's reserves. This was due, in part, to additional planning income and PFI insurance rebates. There was still some risk present in relation to capital receipts.

It was explained that additional budget was requested through a virement for investment in day services.

The Cabinet Member further announced that Marion Kelly, the Interim Corporate Director of Resources was leaving the Council. Peter Carpenter, Service Director Financial Services would acting up as Section 151 officer. The Cabinet thanked Marion for all her work in her time with the Council.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to:

1. Note the Budgetary Control position for 2017/18 at January includes an underspend of £3.466m for Revenue.
2. Note a contribution to the capacity reserve of £3.466m, which relates to the 2017/18 underspend as reflected in Appendix A.
3. Note the estimated reserves position for 2017/18 outlined in Appendix C.
4. Note the Asset Investment and Treasury Budget position outlined in Appendix D.
5. Approve the virement of a capital budget of £0.310m for further investment in to the day opportunities service, as outlined in Appendix D, from the People and Communities budget.

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The report updated Cabinet on the January 2018 budgetary control position.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

There were no alternative options considered.

## **MONITORING ITEMS**

## **82. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS**

The Cabinet received a report in relation to e-petitions and petitions presented at Council meetings and to Council officers.

The purpose of the report was to update Cabinet on the progress being made in response to petitions submitted to the Council.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to note the actions taken in respect of petitions.

#### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

As the petitions presented in this report had been dealt with by Cabinet Members or officers, it was appropriate that the action taken was reported to Cabinet.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

There had been no alternative options considered.

Chairman  
10:00am – 11:00am  
26 March 2018