

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD AT 10:00AM, ON  
MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2019  
BOURGES/VIERSON ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

**Cabinet Members Present:** Councillor Holdich (Chair), Councillor Allen, Councillor Ayres, Councillor Cereste, Councillor Farooq, Councillor Fitzgerald, Councillor Hiller, Councillor Seaton, Councillor Walsh

**Cabinet Advisors Present:** None

**37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bashir.

**38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**39. MINUTES OF SHAREHOLDER CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019**

The minutes of the Shareholder Cabinet Committee meeting held on 16 September 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**40. MINUTES OF SHAREHOLDER CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2019**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 November 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**STRATEGIC DECISIONS**

**41. BEST START IN LIFE STRATEGY 2019-2024**

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the Best Start in Life Strategy for 2019 to 2024.

The purpose of this report was to ensure that there was co-ordinate and integrated multi-agency agreement on the delivery of pre-birth to five services that was tailored appropriately to local need.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education, and Skills and University introduced the report and that the recommendations followed an Early Years Social Mobility Review, which advised that a strategy should be established. Directors led a transformation programme for all agencies to come together to develop a model of delivery for joint up and improved outcomes for pre-birth to five years of age.

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

- The Joint Children and Young Peoples Committee in Cambridgeshire County Council had also reviews the strategy.
- The three key outcomes of the strategy had been developed in consultation with the Council's partners.
- Consideration was being given as to how the Council could co-ordinate with the childcare workforce to encourage a more place-based approach in line with the 'Think Communities' approach.
- It was noted that the Strategy was long, however was evidence based.
- Members were advised that the process of drafting the strategy had been beneficial in itself, as the Council had been able to gather a significant amount of information from different groups and bodies.
- This process highlighted that workers often felt siloed and staff workshops were currently being undertaken.
- It was noted that members of the public would prefer to speak to one person about their issues, rather than repeating themselves several times over.
- It was acknowledged that the aim was to roll out the Strategy would take place throughout 2020.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approve the Draft Joint Best Start in Life Strategy 2019-2024 (attached as Appendix 1 to the report).

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

To ensure that Members had been consulted on the strategy and were kept regularly informed of progress made on the priorities identified within the strategy.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Best Start in Life Strategy could have been taken to Children and Education Scrutiny Committee only. It was felt to be important to also bring the Strategy to Cabinet because children's services are core to the Council.

#### **42. PETERBOROUGH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) UPDATE REPORT AND PROPOSED NEXT STEPS**

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the Peterborough Business Improvement District (BID).

The purpose of this report was to provide Cabinet with an update on the actions, which had been taken following the approval of the 19 November 2018 report and the steps now required to take the BID forward.

The Cabinet Director for Waste, Street Scene, and the Environment introduced the report and advised that the BID had been agreed in November 2018 for the purpose of providing additional services. It was noted that a huge amount of support had been received from business and the district now had a defined proposed area. A ballot would be put to businesses next year on whether to introduce a BID, which would involve the collection of a levy. The Steering Group was very enthusiastic, and was keen to commence the next steps of detailed consultation and engagement. The basis of this would form the detail of the BID business plan.

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

- Members were advised that the BID would be exclusively funded by the private sector. Of the 400 already in place around the country, most were governed through a limited company model.
- A survey was currently being undertaken with local business and officers would share the results of this. Though constituent issues were raised in relation to anti-social behaviour, rough sleeping, and parking, desire was also expressed for businesses in Peterborough to work together to offer something more for the city.
- The boundary of the BID area would be decided by the business
- It was noted that events would be a key part of any BID action plan and conversations were ongoing with Vivacity in order to engage them in the process.
- Members felt that a key role of the BID would be to promote the city centre and publicise how well the Peterborough high street was doing in comparison to the rest of the country.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note the progress that has been made towards establishing a Business Improvement District (BID) in Peterborough and approve the additional actions to support the preparatory work on the BID in the run up to the expected ballot date in 2020.

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

To provide Cabinet with an update of the current position.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The 'do nothing' option had been considered but would have negative financial and reputational impact on the City Centre, nor would the Council be able to benefit from the potential positive outcomes of the BID.

#### **43. CROSS PARTY CLIMATE CHANGE MEMBER WORKING GROUP**

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the setting up of a cross party Climate Change Member Working Group.

The purpose of this report was to seek approval from Cabinet for the setting up of a cross party Climate Change Member Working Group, with the purpose of that Group to help the Council formulate proposals and monitor actions in relation to the recently declared 'climate emergency'.

The Cabinet Director for Waste, Street Scene, and the Environment introduced the report and advised that the Council's aim to be carbon net zero by 2030. All officers were now asked to complete a Carbon Impact Assessment for upcoming decisions. A Carbon Management Plan was to be developed, which would include a baseline Carbon Emission level and the future steps the Council was intending to take. It was acknowledged that the Council could not achieve its goals by itself and would be building relationship with local organisations.

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

- Members were advised that information was being gathered about the work already undertaken by the Council in the past decade.
- Nominations had already been received from the Political Groups for the working group, with a provisional date in Members diaries should it be approved.
- It was considered that the use of Carbon Impact Assessments was a learning curve. The focus was on ensuring that officers gave considering to carbon impact issues, rather than stopping decisions altogether.
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Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Note the actions taken to date in respect of meeting the Climate Change Motion passed by Council on 24 July 2019.
2. Agree to the setting up of a cross party Climate Change Member Working Group in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out at Appendix A to the report.
3. Agree that Councillor Cereste take on the position of Chairman of the Climate Change Member Working Group.
4. Ask the Climate Change Member Working Group to consider how the Working Group would work with the city-wide Partnership Group, a Citizens Assembly, and the Youth Council.

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

The setting up of a working group would greatly assist Member engagement on delivering the unanimously agreed motion of this Council and would help ensure officers, working with Members, delivered the most effective package of measures to meet the requirements of the motion.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The alternative to not setting up a working group had been rejected because to do so would limit the ability of Members of all parties to engage in a collaborative way to help deliver the motion. By declaring an 'emergency', this implies time is of the essence, whereas a lack of a working group could slow down consideration of proposals and options.

#### **44. PREVENT STRATEGY REFRESH – 2019 - 2021**

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the refreshed Prevent Strategy for 2019 to 2021.

The purpose of this report was to provide Cabinet with an overview of the proposed combined Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Prevent Strategy and for Cabinet to consider approval of the proposed strategy.

The Cabinet Director for Communities introduced the report and advised that the revised strategy followed recent changes from central Government around Operation Dovetail, which would pass a number of new responsibilities to local authorities.

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

- It was advised that Operation Dovetail had been announced two years ago, but the Peterborough region was delayed.
- Having the Prevent programme aligned with the police was considered to create a stigma, which would be removed when responsibility was moved to local authorities.
- The Home Officer had suggested that a Member be appointed a leader for the new strategy. For Peterborough City Council, this was to be Councillor Walsh as the Cabinet Member for Communities.
- It was noted that future Government funding was not certain at the current time.
- The majority of referrals were received from education bodies, and this was seen as a positive, as it meant the focus of the programme was on the prevention aspect.
- It was felt that it was the ideal time to merge the strategy with Cambridgeshire County Council, as the two authorities were now working more closely.
- Consultation had been undertaken with Cambridgeshire County Council and other partners.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to endorse the proposed combined Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council Prevent Strategy 2019-2021.

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

To improve local authority response to Prevent, ensuring the Council had a structured approach to deliver that applied across both Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

To continue with a Peterborough only Strategy. This was not considered suitable as the Council needed to unify the approach across the county in preparation for Operation Dovetail.

### **MONITORING ITEMS**

#### **45. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS**

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the outcome of the submission of e-petitions, the presentation of petitions to Council officers, and the presentation of petitions at Council meetings.

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

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

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

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

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

There had been no alternative options considered.

Chairman  
10:00am – 11:09am  
18 November 2019