

MINUTES OF CABINET

2 SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Poole, Roberts, Ms Robbins and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillors Mrs Brown, Douglas, Gillias, Mrs O'Rourke, Roodhouse and Sandison were also in attendance at the meeting.

25. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

26. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

27. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2019/20 – QUARTER 1

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the Council's anticipated financial and performance position for 2019/20.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Council's anticipated financial position for 2019/20 be considered;
- (2) a supplementary General Fund capital budget of £30,000 for 2019/20 for the Corporate Asset Management System to be met from revenue contributions be approved; and
- (3) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -
 - (a) a supplementary General Fund budget of £98,000 for 2019/20 funded through the WSU Operational reserve for the additional support and redundancy costs for the Waste Management Service;
 - (b) a virement of £55,000 transferring salary budget from Communities and Homes to the Corporate savings target; and
 - (c) performance data included in Section 7 and Appendix 1 be considered and noted.

28. REVIEW OF CIVIC AWARDS CRITERIA – REPORT OF THE CIVIC HONOURS WORKING PARTY

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1- agenda item 6) concerning proposed amendments to the Council's civic awards criteria as recommended by the Civic Honours Working Party.

RESOLVED THAT – subject to the eligibility criteria for the honour of Honorary Alderman being amended to a minimum total of 20 years' service, the recommendations of the Civic Honours Working Party, as detailed in the report together with the amended criteria, at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

Environment and Growth Portfolio

29. LIGHT-TOUCH REVIEW OF PARKING AT THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CENTRE – REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Cabinet considered the report of the Environment and Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning proposed medium-longer term recommendations of the Environment and Growth Scrutiny Committee with regard to a light touch review of parking at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre.

RESOLVED THAT – a decision on the report be deferred until the next meeting of Cabinet pending further discussions with GLL with regard to the feasibility of enforcement and technology solutions associated with the proposed recommendations.

30. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

31. DEMOCRATIC SERVICES RESTRUCTURE

Cabinet considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning a proposed restructure within the Democratic Services team.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the request for redundancy identified in the report be approved;
- (2) a 2019/20 General Fund revenue supplementary budget as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report, be approved for the associated redundancy costs, to be met from General Fund balances; and
- (3) delegated authority be given to the Chief Financial Officer to vary this cost based on actual date of departure for the officer and subject to any increased costs being met from reserves.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

Environment and Growth Portfolio

32. COMMERCIAL WASTE OFFICER

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning the proposal of an additional role of Commercial Waste Officer within the waste and recycling service.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

(1) approval be given for the addition of a ‘Commercial Waste Officer’ role, within the waste and recycling service; and

(2) a supplementary revenue budget of up to £42,565 be approved to fund this post.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

Item considered en bloc

33. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources (Part 2 – agenda item 3) concerning write offs.

RESOLVED THAT – the schedule of write offs, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

CHAIRMAN