

MINUTES OF CABINET

9TH JANUARY 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors Stokes (Chairman), Leigh Hunt, Mrs Parker, Ms Robbins and Mrs Timms.

Councillors Cranham, Ms Edwards, Gillias, Mrs O'Rourke, Roodhouse and Sandison.

77. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

78. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

79. DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2017/18 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017-20

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the draft General Fund revenue and capital budget position for 2017/18 alongside the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget position for 2017/18 be noted alongside the Council's 2017-20 Medium Term Financial Plan;
- (2) Cabinet continues to consider the key decisions detailed within the report and identifies alternative income/savings sources to replace any items that are not to be included within the 2017/18 revenue budgets; and
- (3) a detailed scheme by scheme review of the items in the Capital Programme be continued in order to rationalise the overall programme in terms of affordability and sustainability.

Communities and Homes Portfolio

80. EXTENSION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN LINK WORKER POST

Cabinet considered the report of the Communities and Homes Portfolio Holder (Part 1- agenda item 6) concerning the proposed extension of the Council's Eastern European Link Worker post.

RESOLVED THAT – the Eastern European Link worker post (25 hours per week) be extended for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Items considered en bloc

81. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2017/18

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning the Council Tax base for 2017/18.

RESOLVED THAT – the Tax Base for 2017/18 be approved.

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

82. RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning progress on the Council's risk management programme.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the progress made within the Risk Management programme be noted; and
- (2) no further action be required to enhance the Risk Management culture within the Council.

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

83. RENT IN ADVANCE

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning proposals for the payment of rent in advance.

RESOLVED THAT - payment of rent in advance be approved as detailed below:

- New tenants to pay rent one month in advance with effect from 1 April 2017.
- Existing tenants be consulted on paying one month's rent in advance as part of the review of tenancy conditions to be carried out in 2017 and, if approved, to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2018.

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

84. URGENT DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – REINSTATEMENT OF THE GREEN BIN SERVICE

Cabinet considered the report of the Environment and Public Realm Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning an urgent decision taken under delegated powers with regard to the reinstatement of the green bin service.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

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

85. 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 involve the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

86. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2017/18

Cabinet considered the private report of the Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning the election of the Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT subject to the councillors concerned continuing to be Members of the Borough Council in that year,

(a) Councillor Helen Taylor be nominated for election as Mayor for 2017/18;
and

(b) Councillor T Mahoney be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.

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

Item considered en bloc

87. EXEMPTION TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS TO RETAIN EXISTING HR/PAYROLL SOFTWARE

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning an exemption to Contract Standing Orders taken by the Head of Corporate Resources in her capacity as Chief Financial Officer to retain existing HR/payroll software.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

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

CHAIRMAN