



Minutes of a meeting held remotely of Cabinet held on 5 October 2020

Councillors present:

Joe Harris - Chair

Rachel Coxcoon
Tony Dale
Andrew Doherty

Jenny Forde
Mike Evemy
Lisa Spivey

Officers present:

Interim Chief Executive
Chief Finance Officer
Interim Monitoring Officer
Democratic Services

Economic Development Lead
Community Wellbeing Manager
Community Partnerships Officer

Observers: Councillors Stephen Andrews, Patrick Coleman, Nikki Ind, Juliet Layton,
and Gary Selwyn.

CAB.38 Apologies were received from Councillor Webster.

CAB.39 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

There were no declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct for Officers.

CAB.40 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet of 7 September 2020 be approved as a correct record:

Record of Voting - for 6, against 0, abstention 1, absent 1.

CAB.41 Leader's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Leader.

CAB.42 Public Questions

No requests for public questions had been received.

CAB.43 Member Questions

No questions had been received from Members.

CAB.44 Green Economic Development Strategy

The Cabinet was requested to consider adopting the Green Economic Growth Strategy, to guide the District Council's activities to support economic growth in the District in line with Council Plan priorities.

The Cabinet Member for the Economy and Skills presented the Strategy and advised that a four week consultation exercise would be undertaken with further reporting to Cabinet once completed. He explained that the focus of the Strategy would be around agritech, cyber/digital and green technologies in order to support local businesses in adapting to new ways of working in the future and added that work would also continue to support the recovery of town centres and local retailers along with building upon the Fastershire broadband project in the Cotswolds.

The Cabinet expressed their support for the Strategy and thanked the Cabinet Member and Officers for a well written and detailed document. Members also identified some corrections to the document, including the use of consistent reference to the Royal Agricultural University and funding from the Council to the Barn Theatre, which would be amended by Officers following the meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the Green Economic Growth Strategy be approved for consultation;**
- b) a focussed consultation exercise takes place over a four week period and a further report is brought back to Cabinet once this has been completed;**
- c) updates on progress against the strategy are brought to Cabinet every six months.**

Record of Voting - for 7, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 1.

CAB.45 New Approach to Community Grants - Civic Crowdfunding

The Cabinet received a report presenting the case for procuring a Civic Crowdfunding platform for Cotswold District, to enable community fundraising and an alternative approach to Council community investment.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Deputy Leader jointly introduced the report and explained the new approach to community grants by investing in a crowdfunding platform called Spacehive. They explained

this was not complicated and enabled local people to pledge money to support local projects and which would also improve transparency and deliver better outcomes from the Council's investment in grants. They added that the Council had been offered a 20% discount in the first year and Spacehive would support the development of new projects which met local priorities and would also provide data on the impact of projects on local communities.

The Cabinet noted the importance of investing to grow and supporting local project creators using this tool and also of the required amendment to recommendation (d) as advised by the Interim Chief Executive; that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- a) **considers the opportunity presented by investing in a Crowdfunding Platform;**
- b) **agrees to promote its Community Projects Fund and Community Revenue grant scheme through the platform, as 'funds' to pledge the Council's support for community initiatives;**
- c) **agrees to the proposed procurement;**
- d) **agrees to delegate authority to the Interim Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader to agree the scheme criteria, in line with the Council's priorities.**

Record of Voting - for 7, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 1.

CAB.46 Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or individual Cabinet Members

Cabinet noted the decisions taken by Cabinet Members since the previous Meeting of the Cabinet.

CAB.47 Issues arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit Committee (If any)

There were no issues arising.

The Meeting commenced at 6.00pm and closed at 6.53pm

Chair

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