

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

21ST JUNE 2018

Present:

Councillor NJW Parsons - Vice-Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors -

Sue Coakley
C Hancock

SG Hirst

Observers:

SI Andrews
AR Brassington (until 4.25 p.m.)
JA Harris (invited to speak on Minute
CAB.18 - until 4.25 p.m.)

NP Robbins (from 4.15 p.m. and until
4.25 p.m.)

Apologies:

Mark F Annett

MGE MacKenzie-Charrington

CAB.13

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct for Members or Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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

CAB.14

MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to the renumbering of Minute numbers CAB.32, CAB.33, CAB.34 and CAB.35 to read CAB.9, CAB.10, CAB.11 and CAB.12, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 17th May 2018 be approved as a correct record.

Record of Voting - for 4, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 2.

CAB.15

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions had been submitted.

CAB.16

MEMBER QUESTIONS

No questions had been submitted by Members

CAB.17

LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Leader

CAB.18 CIRENCESTER TOWN CENTRE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Cabinet was requested to consider and approve a recommended approach in relation to the preparation of the Cirencester Town Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The circulated report drew particular attention to the links between the emerging Local Plan and the SPD; the key elements of the framework approach; proposed methodology and governance arrangements; budget requirements; associated comments from Council Officers in relation to the assets held by the authority; and the next steps/provisional project programme.

Councillor JA Harris had asked to speak on this item, as a Cirencester ward member, and the Chairman acceded to such request. Councillor Harris stated that he considered governance arrangements were crucial to the success of the project and suggested that all Cirencester Ward Members should have a full role, in order that their specialist knowledge of the town could be maximised. Councillor Harris expressed the view that communication was also of vital importance, and there was a need to ensure that all Members were kept informed.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning thanked Councillor Harris for his contribution and requested that the Head of Paid Service arrange a Meeting with him and Councillor Harris to discuss the memberships and remits/roles of the Programme Board and the various supporting groups.

The Cabinet Members expressed support for the suggested way forward, believing it to be a logical approach to meeting the requirements within the Local Plan.

RESOLVED that:

(a) the approach to preparation of the Cirencester Town Centre SPD, as outlined in the circulated report, be approved;

(b) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Commissioning, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning and having regard to the views of the Local Plan Programme Board, for the approval of funding requests from the £60,000 allocated to deliver the Cirencester Town Centre Strategy.

Record of Voting - for 4, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 2.

CAB.19 SUMMARY FINANCE/ SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2017/18 YEAR END

The Cabinet received a summary of the overall performance of the Council, in regards to achieving top tasks and efficiency measures and information on the Council's current financial position.

Officers highlighted various aspects of the report and responded to various questions from Members. The Chief Finance Officer stated that the Council was in a good position both in service and financial terms.

The Cabinet Member for Environment highlighted that the flood alleviation scheme in Moreton-in-Marsh had been completed, and the number of affordable homes delivered across the District had, at 247, significantly exceeded the target of 150. The Cabinet Member also drew attention to the recent successful work of the Council's Counter Fraud Team and positive responses in respect of emergency housing provision.

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure commented on the apparent low level of public satisfaction in relation to responses from the Development Control Team, and expressed the hope that recent staff recruitment would help to mitigate further problems.

In response, the Head of Paid Service explained that, although there were still some continuing concerns, this was largely based on historic data - as the number of feedback responses received had been too low to provide a satisfactory and robust overview of customer satisfaction. In this connection, he reminded the Cabinet of the on-going fundamental review of performance indicators, which sought to secure more relevant indicators, linked to service plans and the Council's overall Corporate Strategy (rather than management information).

RESOLVED that:

- (a) service and financial performance for Quarter 4 of 2017/18 be noted;**
- (b) the funding allocations from the under-spend set out in paragraph 2.7 of the circulated report be approved;**
- (c) the Council be recommended to approve the funding allocations set out in paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6 of the circulated report, to the Council Priorities Fund.**

Record of Voting - for 4, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 2.

CAB.20 SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND /OR INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS

The Cabinet noted a Schedule detailing decisions taken by the Deputy Leader of the Council (on behalf of the Leader) and the Cabinet Member for Environment.

CAB.21 ISSUE(S) ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY AND/ OR AUDIT (IF ANY)

There were no formal recommendations, or other matters, arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit.

CAB.22 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business that was urgent.

CAB.23 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under **Section 100A(4)** of the **Local Government Act 1972** the **public and Press** be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph (3) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the said Act (Information relating to financial or business affairs) and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned.

Record of Voting - for 4, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 2.

CAB.24 INVESTMENT PROPERTY LEASE RESTRUCTURE

The Cabinet was requested to approve a Deed of Variation in respect of the lease of an investment property.

The circulated report set out the rationale behind the request, and the financial implications of the recommendation and alternatives.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Cabinet agrees to complete a Deed for Variation of the Lease, in accordance with the terms set out in the circulated report;**
- (b) the Group Manager - Land, Legal and Property Services be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council, to agree any necessary changes to the final terms for the transaction, if they should need to differ from those included within the circulated report.**

Record of Voting - for 4, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 2.

The Meeting commenced at 4.00 p.m. and closed at 4.30 p.m.

Chairman

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