

Cabinet
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COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cabinet held on Monday, 5 September 2022.

Councillors present:

Tony Dale
Andrew Doherty
Mike Evemy

Jenny Forde
Joe Harris
Juliet Layton - Chair

Lisa Spivey

Officers present:

Rob Weaver – Chief Executive
Jo Moore – Deputy Chief Executive
Angela Claridge – Director for Governance and Development
Mandy Fathers – Environmental, Welfare & Revenue Service Business Manager
Alison Gardner – Licensing Team Leader
Andrew Turner – Assets & Council Priorities Business Manager
Caleb Harris – Democratic Services
Wayne Smith - Democratic Services

Observers

Councillors David Cunningham, Nikki Ind, Stephen Andrews

25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Coxcoon

26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

There were no declarations of interest from Officers

27 Minutes

Minute 18

(para 2) "...and the development of disabled access changing places.", changed to "...and the development of disabled access changing places *and toilets.*"

(para 3) "The Cabinet noted that the disabled access changing places located within commercial sites...", changed to "The Cabinet noted that the disabled access changing places *and toilets* located within commercial sites"

Minute 20

"Crowdfund Cotswolds being put forward for a number of awards", changed to "Crowdfund Cotswolds being put forward for a number of awards"

Minute 21

"The Cabinet Member for Change and Forward Planning...", changed to "The Cabinet

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Member for *Climate* Change and Forward Planning...”

The Leader had also referred a number of agenda formatting changes and minor spelling corrections in reports to Democratic Services for amendment.

RESOLVED: Cabinet **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet of 6 June 2022 as a correct record subject to the relevant amendments being made.

Record of Voting – for: 6, against: 0, abstention: 1, absent: 1

28 Chair's Announcements (if any)

The Chair encouraged everyone to take time out to watch the Tour of Britain Cycle Race that would be travelling down the Fosse Way and through the Cotswolds, hopefully encouraging more visitors to the Cotswolds.

29 Public Questions

There were no questions from the Public.

Bledington Resident Ian Simpson had submitted a Public Question that was read out by Councillor Cunningham, referring to Flood Protection Measures that will not be completed until 2023. Would the Council consider allocating funds, with other local authorities, to protect residents as part of its commitment to responding to climate change?

Councillor Doherty stated that funds would be made available and how and when this would be delivered would be detailed in a written reply to Mr Simpson.

A question from another member of the public was expected, but the person did not attend.

30 Member Questions

There were no questions from Members

31 Review Of Cotswold District Council's Hackney Carriage Table Of Fares

The purpose of this report was to consider the objections received during the consultation period of the review of the Hackney Carriage (taxi) table of fares and agree the adoption of a new table of fares.

The Cabinet Member for Development and Licensing introduced the report and summarised the proposed new Hackney Carriage tariffs and the comments and feedback responses from Hackney Carriage licence owners.

Cabinet noted an alternative set of proposed tariffs had been submitted, but could not currently be considered alongside the first set.

Cabinet noted that the proposed new tariffs were maximum amounts that could be charged, and taxi drivers were able to charge less if they chose to do so (which is currently the case).

Cabinet noted that the tariffs had been set at an amount that would enable taxi driving to remain viable at a time of rising operational costs.

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RESOLVED: Cabinet considered the report and the objections received in response to the proposal, and agreed to adopt the revised proposed hackney carriage table of fares shown in Annex A.

Record of Voting – for: 7, against: 0, abstention: 0, absent: 1

32 Decision Taken by the Chief Executive under Urgency Powers

The purpose of this report was to note the use of urgency powers by the Chief Executive to underwrite the costs incurred by Bromford Housing Association in the preparation of a planning application for a net carbon zero affordable housing development at Down Ampney.

The Chief Executive introduced the report and summarised his decision to underwrite a set amount of funds to the Council's preferred partner, Bromford Housing Association, to provide comfort and recognise their costs involved in preparing the planning application, and the fact the Council could withdraw from this process.

RESOLVED: Cabinet **NOTED** the urgent decision to allocate funding for a net zero carbon affordable housing development at Broadleaze, Down Ampney.

33 Increase in Construction Costs for Improvements at Rissington Road Car Park, Bourton on the Water

The purpose of this report was to appraise Cabinet of construction cost increases and seek a further funding allocation to enable works to proceed at Rissington Road Car Park, Bourton on the Water in the Winter 2022

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance introduced the report and provided details of the additional costs that had been incurred by postponing the commencement of work from winter 2021

Cabinet noted the additional funding was required due to delaying the commencement of work to avoid the risk of the work causing inconvenience and loss of car park access during the village's busy spring and summer tourist season.

RESOLVED: Cabinet agreed to additional funding of £70,107 from the Capital Receipts Reserve to enable the planned works at Rissington Road car park, Bourton on the Water to proceed.

Record of Voting – for: 7, against: 0, abstention: 0, absent: 1

34 Options and Funding Allocation for Roof Repairs to Trinity Road Council Offices

The purpose of this report was to consider high level options for improvement of roofs at the Cotswold District Council's Offices at Trinity Road, Cirencester.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services introduced the report and summarised the high level option appraisal and options within the report for glazing replacement (using Kingspan) and re-covering to flat roofs (using Alumasc). It was recommended that these should be pursued to provide a more sustainable solution

Cabinet noted that a further report would be brought back to Cabinet for consideration and

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recommendation to Council once works had been tendered, and a figure did not need to be set immediately.

Cabinet noted a standard 40 year lifespan for the roof had been assumed within the report.

RESOLVED: Cabinet agreed that based on the high level option appraisal, the options at 2.3 of the report for glazing replacement and recovering to flat roofs are pursued to provide a more sustainable solution. A further report will be brought back to Cabinet for recommendation to Council once works have been tendered, seeking allocation of budget to fund the repairs and improvements.

Record of Voting – for: 7, against: 0, abstention: 0, absent: 1

35 Use of Unilateral Undertaking Funding for Moreton-in-Marsh Integrated Transport Hub

The Chair reminded Cabinet of the exempt annexes of the report set out in the private document pack, and any information from these would need to be discussed in private session.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval to contribute £250,000 to the Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council community infrastructure schemes

The Cabinet Member for Development Management and Licensing introduced the report and summarised the proposals to provide a contribution of £250,000 to the Moreton-In-Marsh community infrastructure schemes as part funding of the development of an integrated transport hub and the refurbishment of Redesdale Hall.

Cabinet noted that the Unilateral Undertaking agreement entered into with the Fire Service College in 2014 required the Council to spend or commit the £250,000 funds by 17 November 2022 or pay back the funds (with interest)

Cabinet noted that the amount of the fund would require a Full Council decision to commit the funds and the recommendation would be referred to Council held on 21 September 2022

Cabinet noted that a description of the proposed Integrated Transport Hub was available on the Morton-In-Marsh Town Council website.

RESOLVED: Cabinet agreed and would recommend to full Council that the Council entered into a grant agreement with Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council to provide a contribution of £250,000 to the Moreton-In Marsh community infrastructure schemes as Annex A, and noted that the £250,000 was funded from a developer contribution which was received by the Council under a Unilateral Undertaking agreement entered into in 2014

Record of Voting – for: 7, against: 0, abstention: 0, absent: 1

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36 Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members

Cabinet noted the Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and individual Cabinet Members.

37 Issue(s) Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit

Cabinet considered the following issue arising from Audit Committee 27 July 2022

Audit Committee Agenda Item 8 - Internal Audit Annual Opinion

Audit Committee noted that a Risk Management Group had been established to look at operational risks and identify those that needed to be included in the Corporate Risk Register. This Group had identified an increase to risk CRR-016 - Local Plan that related to the Council's ability to meet increased government housing need figures.

Audit Committee considered that losing the 5-year Housing Land Supply could have significant environmental and political implications from subsequent unplanned development, and this increased risk should be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Cabinet noted that the loss of the 5-year Housing Land Supply would also compromise the Council's ability to use the Local Plan to determine Planning Applications.

Cabinet noted the comments from the Audit Committee.

The Meeting commenced at 4.00pm and closed at 4.44pm

Chair

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