

CABINET15 DECEMBER 2010

Present:- Councillor S Candy (Community, Partnerships and Renewal)!Councillor G V Guglielmi (Planning)!Councillor P Halliday (Finance)!Councillor S R Henderson (Housing)!Councillor J M Hughes (Benefits and Revenues)!Councillor S S Mayzes (Leisure)!Councillor L A McWilliams (Environment)!Councillor N R Stock (Executive Leader)!Councillor N W Turner (Technical Services)

Also Present:- Councillors Casey, Talbot.

In Attendance:- Chief Executive, Chief Executive Designate, Acting Management Board Member (DA), Acting Management Board Member (MBK), Head of Financial Services, Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, Assistant Head of Legal Services (Democratic Services), Communications and Public Relations Manager.

(Noon - 1.05 p.m.)

97.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor Watling.

98. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2010 (COPY HEREWITH)

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 November 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

99. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE LEADER

The Executive Leader (Councillor Stock) reminded Members that this was the last meeting of the Cabinet that John Hawkins, the Council's Chief Executive, would be attending before his retirement. He extended his thanks and best wishes to Mr Hawkins.

Members signified their support for the Executive Leader's comments with a round of applause.

100. CABINET MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Technical Services Portfolio Holder (Councillor N W Turner) updated the Cabinet in respect of the Crag Walk project at The Naze.

101. REVISED FINANCIAL STRATEGY FOR 2011/12 AND BEYOND (PAGE 1) (SEPARATELY BOUND)

The Cabinet had before them a report to enable them to consider the five year financial forecast for 2011/12 – 2015/16 and, in light of that, to agree the Financial Strategy approach for 2011/12 – 2015/16.

Members had also had circulated to them prior to the meeting an addendum to the Report of the Management Board which advised them of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement announcement for 2011/12 and 2012/13 and the implications for this Council.

The assumed level of formula grant for 2011/12 had been £10.180m and for 2012/13 had been £9.528m. The provisional grant announced for the Council was £10.865m for 2011/12 and £9.672m for 2012/13. Taking into account the revised figures for 2011/12 and 2012/13 the funding gap over the four years of the spending review was £4.3m.

Having regard to the financial situation:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor Candy and:-

RESOLVED - (a) That the revised proposals for the Financial Strategy and Financial Forecast for 2011/12 and beyond, as detailed in the Report of Management Board and the addendum report, be agreed.

(b) That there be a 0.5% reduction in Council Tax for 2011/12 and that the cost of £38,470 above the amount to be funded by Government Grant is met from the reductions identified from the budget reviews.

(c) That the Corporate Management Committee's comments be requested on the Revised Financial Strategy Proposals including the addendum report.

(d) That Cabinet requests Officers to bring forward any savings or income improvements for Cabinet to consider in January 2011 to enable those to be built into the February budget.

102. INITIAL BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR A REVISED BUDGET 2010/11 AND ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR 2011/12 (PAGE 27) (SEPARATELY BOUND)

Members considered a report which set out and sought approval of Cabinet's initial proposals for a balanced General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme, for a revised budget for 2010/11 and original budget for 2011/12.

To enable the budget process to proceed:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor Candy and:-

RESOLVED - (a) That the initial budget proposals (including fees and charges) set out in Appendix 'A' to item A.2 of the Report of the Head of Financial Services and amended in light of the agreed Revised Strategy report be agreed for consultation with the Corporate Management Committee.

(b) That the Finance Portfolio Holder be authorised to agree the special expenses report for consultation with the Corporate Management Committee.

(c) That all future expenditure in 2010/11 be in line with the proposed revised budget set out in Appendix 'A' to the aforementioned report as amended in light of the agreed Revised Financial Strategy, subject to final approval by Council on 8 February 2011 and that the corporate financial system is amended accordingly to reflect these changes along with any amendments arising from the new International Financial Reporting Statement requirements.

103. MANAGEMENT DELIVERY OPTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S SPORTS FACILITIES

The Cabinet considered a report which sought confirmation of their objectives for the long-term delivery of sports facilities in the District and the approval of the brief for the

engagement of a consultant who would consider and report on delivery options for the Council's sports facilities, capable of achieving the Cabinet's objectives.

In order to progress the long-term delivery of sports facilities:-

It as moved by Councillor S S Mayzes, seconded by Councillor Candy and:-

RESOLVED - (a) That the Cabinet's objective for the long-term delivery of sports facilities within the District is "That the future delivery of sports provision in the District saves the Council at least £500,000 per annum in the first three years, with a reduction in both the ongoing revenue costs and capital investment required to be met by the Council and that thereafter sports provision is delivered at nil cost to the Council".

(b) That in this connection a consultant be engaged to a maximum value of £20,000.

(c) That the consultant's brief set out in section 3.3 of item A.3 of the Report of the Head of Leisure Services be approved.

104. INTERIM PLANNING POLICY FOR JAYWICK

Members considered an Interim Planning Policy for Jaywick as a material consideration for use in determining planning applications for certain kinds of developments in the Brooklands and Grasslands and Village areas of Jaywick.

In order to progress this matter for the benefit of those areas:-

It was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor Halliday and:-

RESOLVED – (a) That the Interim Planning Policy for Jaywick (December 2010) (comprising Appendix A.1 to item A.4 of the Report of the Interim Head of Planning) be approved by Cabinet as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications affecting the Brooklands and Grasslands and Village areas of Jaywick.

(b) That the Interim Planning Policy for Jaywick be reported to the Development Control Committee for their consideration and comment.

(c) That the local ward members for Jaywick be consulted on the Interim Planning Policy document.

(d) That any comments made by the Development Control Committee and local ward members be reported back to Cabinet for further consideration and, if appropriate, the Interim Planning Policy be amended.

105. THE FORMER CLUB PREMISES AND PUBLIC TENNIS COURTS AT LOWER MARINE PARADE, DOVERCOURT

Members considered a report relating to the disposal of the former club premises and public tennis courts at Lower Marine Parade, Dovercourt.

In order to progress the re-development of the site:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor G V Guglielmi and:-

RESOLVED – That the disposal of the site be proceeded with subject specifically to a condition providing that should the refurbishment/extension of the premises not be

substantially delivered within three years the Council can buy the site back at the original sale price; the money from the sale to be placed in an earmarked reserve until the Council is satisfied with the development of the site.

106. PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND AT BROOKLANDS GARDENS, JAYWICK (PAGE 300)

The Cabinet gave consideration to the acquisition of land at Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick as shown on the plan attached to the Joint Report of the Head of Regeneration and Community Services, Head of Leisure Services, Acting Head of Environmental Services and Acting Head of Corporate Performance.

To secure the long-term future of the site for the benefit of the local community:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor Candy and:-

RESOLVED – That the acquisition of the site at Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick be proceeded with.

107. TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:-

Chairman