
CABINET13 JULY 2011

Present:- Councillor N R Stock (Leader of the Council) (Chairman)!Councillor S Candy (Regeneration)!Councillor P Halliday (Finance and Asset Management)!Councillor P B Honeywood (Housing)!Councillor S S Mayzes (Tourism and Community Life)!Councillor L A McWilliams (Customer and Central Services)!Councillor P I Sambridge (Technical Services)!Councillor N W Turner (Environment)!Councillor G F Watling (Benefits and Revenues)

Also Present:- Councillors Broderick, G L Mitchell

In Attendance:- Chief Executive, Strategic Director, Acting Strategic Director, Assistant Head of Legal Services (Democratic Services), Principal Solicitor, Communications and Public Relations Manager.

Also in Attendance:- Group Leaders present by Invitation:- Councillor L Double, Councillor P J Oxley, Councillor H A Shearing, Councillor M J Talbot

(Noon - 12.39 p.m.)

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor G V Guglielmi and from Councillor Double (who, as a Group Leader, had been invited to the meeting).

19. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 June 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the Independent, Liberal Democrat and Tendring First Group Leaders being shown as being present by invitation and to the name of Councillor P B Honeywood being included in minute 3 as being welcomed to his first meeting of the Cabinet.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(i) Questions from Members and the Public

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Stock) announced that he would welcome questions from Members and the public provided that proper advance notice was given.

(ii) Local Government Framework

The Leader of the Council reported that some local residents had expressed concerns about plans for the future of potential housing developments around the District.

The Cabinet had listened and that was why in April it took action to halt the Local Development Framework.

In addition the Core Strategy Document was to be looked at again and local people would have an opportunity to have their say on the future of Tendring.

The primary concern of residents had been the proposed number of houses to be built in the area and Cabinet agreed with those concerns. Those numbers would be removed

and policy changes made to consider the needs so the Council could develop local housing for local people.

The Leader reported that the rules said that the final document should go to the Secretary of State for agreement before local Councillors had their say. The Cabinet thought that this was wrong. The democratically elected District representatives of the people of Tendring should be given the chance to have a full and frank discussion on the document and then vote before it goes to Government. He promised that this would happen so that all 60 Members would be fully involved in this extremely important process.

The whole and only aim was to put the housing needs of Tendring people first.

(iii) International Conference

The Leader of the Council emphasised the importance and success of the recently hosted International Conference and reported on positive feedback received.

21. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CABINET MEMBERS

(i) Seafront Areas of the District

The Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder (Councillor Halliday) reported on work which had been carried out on the seafront at Clacton and Dovercourt and also at Harwich Quay, which had been appreciated by the public.

(ii) Tendring Show and Harwich Festival

The Regeneration Portfolio Holder (Councillor Candy) expressed thanks to the organisers of the recently held Tendring Show and Harwich Festival which had done much to enhance the reputation of the District.

(iii) Coast Protection Works

The Technical Services Portfolio Holder (Councillor Sambridge) reported that tenders had been invited to undertake the necessary coast protection works in the vicinity of Cliff Road, Holland-on-Sea which works were expected to cost £2m and were being funded by the Environment Agency.

22. INITIAL FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2012/13

The Cabinet had presented to it the Initial Financial Forecast and Initial Financial Strategy for 2012/13 and beyond.

Having considered the report submitted and the financial position facing the Council:-

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

RESOLVED – (a) That the Initial Financial Strategy and Initial Financial Forecast for 2012/13 be agreed.

(b) That the comments to the cost pressures, as set out in Appendix A to item A.1 of the Report of the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder, and any actions therein be agreed.

(c) That a further report be submitted to Cabinet in December 2011.

(d) That the Corporate Management Committee be consulted on the initial proposals, recognising that any further inclusion of cost pressures or other budgetary demands will require matching measures to ensure that the funding gap is not increased.

23. TREASURY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE 2010/11

Members considered a report on the Council's Treasury Management activities and Prudential Indicators for 2010/11.

Having considered the information submitted:-

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

RESOLVED - That the Treasury Management performance position and Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2010/11 be noted.

24. PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE: CLACTON CRICKET PAVILION, VISTA ROAD RECREATION GROUND, VISTA ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA

Councillor P J Oxley declared a prejudicial interest in the subject matter of this item and left the meeting during the consideration thereof and the voting thereon.

Members' approval was sought to the renewal of the existing lease of Clacton Cricket Pavilion for a 21 year term.

To ensure the continued use of the building as a sports club pavilion and changing rooms:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor S S Mayzes and:-

RESOLVED - That, subject to agreement of terms later in the meeting, a new lease of Clacton Cricket Pavilion, Vista Road Recreation Ground, Clacton-on-Sea be granted for a period of 21 years.

25. REALLOCATION OF DEFRA COASTAL CHANGE PATHFINDER GRANT

Members had before them a report to enable them to review and reallocate DEFRA Coastal Change Pathfinder grant monies and to approve the acquisition of four plots in the Brooklands area of Jaywick.

Having considered the information submitted:-

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

RESOLVED – (a) That the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Regeneration Portfolio Holder and the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder, be authorised to allocate the remaining uncommitted balance of DEFRA Coastal Change Pathfinder Initiative Grant, £258,056, and £50,000 of Council funding to projects in the Brooklands and Grasslands area of Jaywick.

(b) That subject to (c) and (d) below the Council accept the transfer of four plots in Brooklands from Essex County Council.

(c) That the above plots be transferred at nil consideration and not subject to any imposed requirements or restrictions.

(d) That the Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder, be authorised to complete the transfer of the sites to the Council as above and on such other terms as she considers appropriate provided that she is satisfied that the checks and research set out in the Council's Property Dealing Procedure have been satisfactorily completed.

26. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Chairman