

CABINET15 FEBRUARY 2012

Present:- Councillor N R Stock (Leader of the Council) (Chairman)!Councillor G V Guglielmi (Planning)!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)

Also Present:- Councillors A Goggin, D R Mayzes.

In Attendance:- Chief Executive, Acting Strategic Director, Head of Public Experience, Head of Resource Management, Legal Services Manager, Communications and Public Relations Manager, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Democratic Services Officer (ER).

Also in Attendance:- Group Leaders present by invitation:- Councillor M J Talbot.

(12.05 p.m. - 12.31 p.m.)  
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111.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Candy and Watling and Councillors P J Oxley and Shearing (who as Group Leaders, had been invited to attend the meeting).

112. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 January 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

113. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Stock) informed Cabinet that he was looking at finding a more suitable location for public meetings of the Cabinet.

At the invitation of the Leader, the Chief Executive informed Cabinet that a request had now been received from two registered electors to fill the vacancy in the St Bartholomews Ward. The Notice of Election would be posted on 16 February 2012, the nomination period would close on 24 February 2012 and the by-election would take place on 22 March 2012.

The Chief Executive also informed Cabinet that this Council had been invited to give a joint presentation with the County Council to the LGIU on innovative working practices.

114. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CABINET MEMBERS

The Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder (Councillor Halliday) informed Cabinet that two Members had put their names forward to sit on the proposed Civic Hub Working Party. He had extended the deadline for expressions of interest until the end of the week.

The Customer and Central Services Portfolio Holder (Councillor McWilliams) informed Cabinet that the Tendring Community Safety Partnership had received confirmation from the Essex Community Foundation that they had received a High Sheriff of Essex's Award

for 2011/12 for the Crucial Crew project. The application for a grant was also approved in the sum of £750 to the Tendring Community Safety Partnership to help run the 2012 Crucial Crew event.

115. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE: DISABLEDGO AND MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cabinet was informed that the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 19 January 2012 (minutes 29 and 31 referred) had considered, amongst other things, a report on DisabledGo in addition to an update on progress against an outstanding action relating to membership of outside bodies, following which the Committee had made two recommendations to the Cabinet as set out below.

In respect of DisabledGo the Audit Committee had decided that Cabinet be informed that:-

(a) Following a review of the relevant information and subsequent discussions in response to the request from Cabinet, the Committee are satisfied that expenditure was incurred in accordance with the agreed DisabledGo budget and with appropriate transparency.

(b) However, against the background of the financial challenges currently faced by the Council, the Committee feels that the Council should look to identify an alternative approach, such as an in-house solution, to provide a reasonable and cost effective reference point for residents and visitors to Tendring, which could include working with the voluntary sector, to be concluded within three months.

In respect of the issue of membership of outside bodies the Audit Committee had decided:-

That Cabinet be made aware that the review of the membership of outside bodies has been on the Committee's table of outstanding issues for a significant period of time and that the Committee feels that it is now very important that this review should be completed by the time of the next meeting of the Committee in March 2012 as the Committee feels that this is now having an adverse effect on the reputation of the Council.

The Leader of the Council informed Cabinet that a comprehensive review was being undertaken of the Council's representation on outside bodies and a 'feedback' process was being designed for the Council's representatives to report issues raised at those meetings.

Having considered the views of the Audit Committee:-

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

RESOLVED – That the recommendations made by the Audit Committee be noted.

116. CORPORATE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2011/12

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder which provided it with an overview of the Council's actual financial position against the budget as at the end of December 2011.

The Cabinet was aware that the Corporate Management Committee would also scrutinise the overview in due course.

Having considered the information submitted:-

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

RESOLVED – That the financial position as at the end of December 2011 be noted.

117. ANNUAL TREASURY STRATEGY FOR 2012/13 (INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL AND TREASURY INDICATORS)

The Cabinet's agreement was sought to the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2012/13 (including the Prudential and Treasury Indicators) for submission to the Corporate Management Committee for review.

The Cabinet's agreement was also sought to make certain changes to the Treasury Management Policy Statement and Practices.

To progress the production of the Treasury Strategy and having regard to the information submitted in respect of the proposed changes to the Treasury Management Policy Statement and Practices:-

It was moved by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor P B Honeywood and:-

RESOLVED – (a) That the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2012/13 (including the Prudential and Treasury Indicators) be approved for submission to the Corporate Management Committee for review.

(b) That the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement and amendments to the Treasury Management Practices, as set out in Appendices 'B' and 'C' respectively to item A.3 of the Report of the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder, be approved.

Chairman