

CABINET9 MAY 2014

Present:- Councillor M J Page (Leader of the Council/Regeneration, Inward Investment and Asset Management) (Leader of the Council)!Councillor N W Turner (Deputy Leader of the Council/Environment and Coast Protection) (Deputy Leader of Council)!Councillor A Goggin (Finance and Transformation)!Councillor G V Guglielmi (Planning and Corporate Services)!Councillor P B Honeywood (Housing and Benefits and Revenues)!Councillor L A McWilliams (Well-Being and Partnerships)!Councillor M E Platt (Tourism, Culture, Leisure and Events)

Also Present:- Councillor G Steady

In Attendance:- Chief Executive (Ian Davidson); Corporate Director (Public Experience) (June Clare); Monitoring Officer, (Lisa Hastings); Communications Manager (Nigel Brown); Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney); Management and Members' Support Manager (Karen Neath) and Democratic Services Officer (Janey Nice)

Also in Attendance:- Group Leaders Present by Invitation:

Councillor I Henderson (Leader of the Labour Group)

(9.30 a.m. - 9.58 a.m.)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Group Leaders Councillor J Broderick, Councillor P Oxley, Councillor H Shearing and Councillor M Talbot.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2014

The minutes of the last meeting of the Cabinet, held on 11 April 2014, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received from Members.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(i) Alteration to Portfolio Designation

The Chairman announced that, with immediate effect, the portfolio held by Councillor Mark Platt be reviewed to read "Tourism, Culture, Leisure and Events."

(ii) Assisted Area Status

The Chairman was delighted to announce that Tendring District had secured assisted area status, which he hoped would encourage greater economic growth, employment and stability within Tendring.

The Chief Executive said that having secured assisted area status would benefit the Council when making applications for funding.

Cabinet wished to record its thanks to Officers, the Chief Executive and the former Leader of the Council, Councillor Peter Halliday, for the hard work undertaken in securing assisted area status.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CABINET MEMBERS

There were no announcements by Cabinet Members.

6. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BY THE COUNCIL

There were no matters referred to the Executive by the Council.

7. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BY A COMMITTEE

There were no matters referred to the Executive by a Committee.

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S ITEMS

There were no items received from the Leader of the Council.

9. NEW LEASE FOR THE FRINTON AND WALTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

A.1 New Lease for the Frinton and Walton Youth Football Club

Asset Management Portfolio Holder, which sought Cabinet's approval to the principle of granting a new lease of the Pavilion at the Frinton Park Playing Fields to the Frinton and Walton Youth Football Club (The Football Club).

The report advised that the playing field pavilion was currently the responsibility of the Council but that it was of poor quality and had fallen into some disrepair. The Football Club had requested a lease of the building to enable it to store equipment and to have a regular training and playing base within the town. The Football Club was not requesting exclusive rights over the playing fields and proposed to seek grants and other third party support in order to allow it to repair and improve the building.

Accordingly, it was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner, and RESOLVED that the principle of granting a new lease be authorised, subject to the terms set out in the report at Part B of the agenda.

10. RENEWAL OF LEASE, BURRSVILLE PUBLIC HALL, BURRS ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA

A.2 Renewal of Lease, Burrsville Public Hall, Burrs Road, Clacton-on-Sea

There was submitted a report by the Regeneration, Inward Investment and Asset Management Portfolio Holder, which sought Cabinet's approval for the renewal of the existing lease of the site of the Burrsville Public Hall.

The report advised that Burrsville Residents' Association had been the tenant of the Hall since 8 April 1987 and that, during that time, the Residents' Association had used the building as a community hall, hiring it out for leisure activities and community use. The Residents' Association was seeking to renew the lease for a further 21-year term, following the expiry of the previous lease on 7 April 2008. The lease would be in line with the existing terms and had been negotiated by the Council's agents, NPS.

Accordingly, it was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Goggin, and RESOLVED that the principle of granting a new 21-year lease be authorised, subject to the

terms set out in the report at Part B of the agenda.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION (PHASE 2)

A.3 Amendments to the Council's Constitution (Phase 2)

There was submitted a report by the Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder, which asked Cabinet to recommend to Council, proposed changes, which had been suggested by Members and Officers as Phase 2 of the Constitution Review.

The report gave details of the proposed revisions to the Council Procedure Rules, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (including call-in), Access to Information Rules and the delegated powers relating to property and it was hoped that the proposed changes would provide greater clarity for the benefit of both Members and Officers.

Cabinet wished to record its thanks to the Council's Monitoring Officer (Lisa Hastings) and Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney) for the hard work undertaken and in recognition of the work still required to complete the review.

Accordingly, it was moved by Councillor Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor Page, and RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Constitution Working Party be endorsed and RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL as follows:

- (i) The proposed changes to the Council Procedure Rules, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (including call-in) and the Access to Information Rules, as detailed at Appendices A, B and C respectively to the report, be adopted;
- (ii) Article 6 of the Constitution be amended to include the terms of reference of Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
- (iii) The delegated powers relating to the management of property be amended, as set out in Appendix D to the report;
- (iv) The Council's Constitution be amended accordingly to reflect the changes set out in this report;
- (v) The length of speeches by Members (other than the statement by the Leader of the Council on the State of the District and the Leader of the Council's presentation on the Budget) shall not exceed three minutes;
- (vi) A highly-visible electronic timing mechanism be acquired to manage and control the length of speeches delivered;
- (vii) The length of speeches by presenters of petitions shall not exceed five minutes; and
- (viii) That the wording proposed by the Monitoring Officer in relation to property valuations be noted and that this wording be referred for consideration by Council at its meeting to be held on 3 June 2014.

12. MANAGEMENT TEAM ITEMS

There were no items received from the Council's Management Team.

Chairman

