

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2015
AT 10.35 A.M. IN THE ESSEX HALL, TOWN HALL, CLACTON-ON-SEA.**

PRESENT:

Councillor M J Page
Councillor N W Turner
Councillor P B Honeywood
Councillor A Goggin
Councillor G V Guglielmi
Councillor L A McWilliams
Councillor M E Platt

PORTFOLIO:

Chairman, Leader of the Council & Regeneration, Inward Investment and Asset Management Portfolio Holder
Deputy Leader of the Council & Environment and Coast Protection Portfolio Holder
Assistant Deputy Leader of the Council & Housing, Benefits and Revenues Portfolio Holder
Finance and Transformation Portfolio Holder
Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder
Well-being and Partnerships Portfolio Holder
Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Events Portfolio Holder

Group Leaders Present by Invitation:

Councillors J A Broderick (Holland Residents Group), M J Talbot (Independents Group), J Hawkins (Deputy Leader – Labour Group) and I Johnson (Deputy Leader – Tendring First Group)

Also Present: Councillors D Casey, D Mayzes and M Patten

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Ian Davidson), Corporate Director (Corporate Services) (Marty Knappett), Corporate Director (Life Opportunities) (Paul Price), Monitoring Officer (Lisa Hastings), Finance and Procurement Manager (Richard Barrett), Management and Members' Support Manager (Karen Neath), Executive Projects Officer (Keri Lawrence), Senior Democratic Services Officer (Ian Ford) and Democratic Services Officer (Janey Nice)

132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor I J Henderson (Leader of the Labour Group), Councillor P J Oxley (Leader of the Tendring First Group), Councillor H A Shearing (Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group) and Councillor M J D Skeels (Leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party Group).

133. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2015

The minutes of the last meeting of the Cabinet, held on 27 February 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Guglielmi (Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder) declared an interest in item A.1 – Infrastructure, Parking and Regeneration of Manningtree Train Station by virtue of the fact he was a Ward Councillor and that, potentially, he stood to gain from any subsequent regeneration of the Station.

135. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCILJaywick

The Leader of the Council made the following announcement:

“You will all be aware of how passionate I am about this Council taking a lead in being a catalyst for change in Jaywick but also about ensuring that we fully involve the community and all of the Council in making change happen. What I believe is really important for what we are trying to do is the cross party support that are able to give to this project and I would like to thank the Leaders of all parties, and indeed all of Council, for their continued support in playing a positive role in taking this forward.

I am really pleased to be able to tell you that not only have we purchased the first three sections of land but we also had some incredibly positive feedback from the over 400 residents who attended the consultation event a couple of weeks ago. All of the feedback is currently being collated and will help to inform the future direction for how the project develops.

Clearly when faced with potential change some residents have concerns about how it will affect them and some completely inaccurate rumours have been circulating.

I would like to put the record straight and say that there are no plans to build on the Tudor Meadows and I would like to see the land either remain as grazing land or possibly looked at for use as a conservation or nature reserve but whatever happens we would want local people to have a voice in deciding how it moves forward.

It is important to recognise that the Council does not have bottomless pockets and so the thought of building across Tudor Meadows is unimaginable given the potential extent of development we are currently considering around Lotus Way.

I can also report that I am aware that there is really positive progress being made in acquiring sites in Jaywick and also positive discussions with potential developers so we are still on track to see positive change in Jaywick over the coming years.”

Councillors Hawkins and Casey spoke in support of Councillor Page’s comments.

136. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CABINET MEMBERS

Tendring Youth Theatre Production

Councillor Goggin (Finance and Transformation Portfolio Holder) referred to the recent Youth Theatre production and informed Cabinet that it had been a fantastic, professionally produced event that contradicted the stereotypical negative connotations that often surrounded young people. Councillor Goggin thanked the Council’s Princes Theatre team for their hard work in putting on this production.

Councillor Guglielmi (Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder) endorsed those comments.

Women’s Cycle Tour

Councillor Platt (Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Events Portfolio Holder) referred to the successful launch of the 2015 Women’s Cycle Tour which would be coming to Clacton-on-Sea once more and would be another great promotion of the District.

137. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET BY THE COUNCIL

There were none on this occasion.

138. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET BY A COMMITTEE**Reference from the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee****A.1 - Infrastructure, Parking and Regeneration of Manningtree Railway Station**

Further to Minute 134 above, Cabinet was aware that Councillor Guglielmi (Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder) had declared an interest in this item by virtue of the fact that he was a Ward Councillor and that, potentially, he stood to gain from any subsequent regeneration of the Station.

It was reported that, at its meeting held on 8 December 2014, the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee ("the Committee") had received a presentation from Abellio, which set out to inform Members of respective levels of performance; where improvements to infrastructure, services, vehicles and rolling stock were required; together with timescales for implementation; and proposals for the future to ensure that the residents of Tendring would continue to receive the best services possible within the resources available.

With much of the Committee's discussion having been centred upon Manningtree Railway Station and its strategic importance to north Tendring and south Suffolk, the Committee had recognised the Station being acknowledged as:

- The busiest in Tendring;
- One of the busiest in Essex;
- Providing a key gateway to London and Norwich with important local drop-offs at Colchester, Chelmsford and Ipswich; and
- The main public access point for Harwich, Stansted Airport, Cambridge, Peterborough and rail routes to the North

However, the Committee had had serious reservations about whether the local infrastructure there had kept pace with the growth of the Station, in particular with regard to:

- Serious congestion at peak hours on the roads accessing the Station having a harmful impact across Manningtree, Lawford, Mistley and Brantham;
- Rogue parking across Manningtree, Lawford and Brantham by station users; and the
- Impact on major new housing developments on local congestion and parking (approximately 1,000 planned new houses in the immediate locality)

Given the strategic importance of the Station to north Tendring and south Suffolk and its key role as a positive engine for regeneration for the local area, the Committee had asked its Vice-Chairman, Councillor Patten, to meet with Abellio (operators of the Station) and Essex County Council (ECC) (who were directly responsible for much of the local infrastructure surrounding the Station) to discuss those issues (but specifically not any issues relating to the service provided by Abellio).

It was reported that, on 19 January 2015, that meeting had been held at Manningtree Station with Abellio Greater Anglia (Abellio), attended by Councillor Matthew Patten (Vice-Chairman of the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee) and also attended by Essex County Councillor/Tendring District Council's (TDC) Portfolio Holder for Planning and

Corporate Services/Chairman of TDC's Local Plan Committee (Councillor G V Guglielmi), together with Manningtree Train Station's Manager, representatives from the local town and parish councils and Officers from ECC and TDC.

At that meeting, the following matters had been considered:

- (a) Increasing traffic congestion and danger to pedestrians in the vicinity of the Station at peak times due to the inadequate road layout and level crossing there;
- (b) Overspill parking in Lawford, Manningtree and Brantham; and
- (c) Projected future growth and worsening impact due to major new housing and other development proposals in Brantham, Manningtree and Lawford.

Further to that meeting, at its meeting held on 23 February 2015, the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee had considered a report, which sought its approval to: (i) make any comments to Abellio's Franchise Specification and, if any, that those be forwarded to Cabinet for inclusion within its formal response to the consultation; and (ii) submitting the report's findings, formally, to the Local Plan Committee and, in doing so, recommending that the proposals contained within the report, which related to improvements to the infrastructure, parking provision and future regeneration of Manningtree Railway Station, be included within, and considered as part of, TDC's emerging Local Plan and the equivalent document commissioned by ECC.

The Committee had recommended to Cabinet that:

1. *The Committee had considered the Abellio Franchise Specification consultation in the report attached as item A.1 to the Agenda, and it did not have any comments to make to Cabinet for consideration within its formal response to this; and*
2. *The afore-mentioned report be referred to the Local Plan Committee for it to consider the proposals contained within the report for inclusion and deliberation when it was considering its emerging Local Plan.*

Having discussed the report and the Committee's recommendation:

It was proposed by Councillor Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor Turner and **RESOLVED** that the report submitted to the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee be referred to the Local Plan Committee for it to consider the proposals contained within the report for inclusion and deliberation when it was considering its emerging Local Plan.

139. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S ITEMS

A.2 Part Night Street Lighting

The Cabinet was reminded that, at its meeting held on 25 November 2014, the Council had received the following motion submitted by Councillor I J Henderson:

"That this Council seeks to reverse the impact of Essex County Council's Part Night Street Lighting policy within the Tendring District by paying to Essex County Council the sum of up to £44,000 in 2014/15 (Essex County Council have identified £127,000 as the annual amount saved by the night time switch off of the District's lights) to enable the Tendring District's street lights to

remain on all night. The amount to be spent is to be taken from the Council contingency to meet the remainder of the 2014-2015 financial year. Funding thereafter to be included for consideration as part of the budget setting process for 2015/16 on the basis that the funding of Tendring's street lights throughout the night be met by this Council only until Essex County Council is persuaded to reverse its unpopular and dangerous policy."

The Chairman of the Council had referred that motion to Cabinet, who had considered it at its meeting held on 12 December 2014 and had resolved:-

"(a) in view of the significant financial implications of the proposal contained in the Motion, Cabinet requests that officers write to Essex County Council, Essex Police, Essex Fire and Rescue Services and the Ambulance Service to ask for written statements of their views as to whether the introduction of part night street lighting in Tendring has had a detrimental effect on the delivery of their services and to provide firm evidence to support their statements;

(b) the Town and Parish Councils in Tendring and the Automobile Association be invited to submit any evidence they have regarding the effects (positive or negative) of introducing part night street lighting;

(c) Essex Police be specifically requested to provide this Council with their best evidence (whether from Tendring, elsewhere in Essex or from elsewhere) as to the impact of part night street lighting on crime and the fear of crime;

(d) Essex County Council be requested to confirm whether they would be prepared to re-instate full night time street lighting in Tendring if the District Council meets the cost. If so, what would be the annual and ongoing costs;

(e) when responses to the requests are received, officers prepare a report to Cabinet setting out the statements and the evidence provided so that Cabinet can make an informed decision as to whether to support the motion in the light of the evidence; and

(f) Essex County Council be requested to supply details of any location in the District (and the reasons why) where Essex Police, Essex Fire and Rescue Services, 'First Responders' and the Ambulance Service have requested that the street lights be turned back on in response to an accident or other incidents."

The relevant organisations had then been contacted to request the information asked for by Cabinet. Following further debate on part night lighting at the full Council meeting held on 10 February 2015, that consultation had been widened to allow residents to comment.

It was reported that responses to the specific questions raised by Cabinet had been received from The AA, Essex County Fire and Rescue Services and Essex Police and from 14 Town and Parish Councils. The full responses were set out in the Appendices to item A.2 of the Report of the Leader of the Council but the main points were summarised as follows:-

- *Essex County Fire and Rescue – no incidents reported and therefore no evidence to support the Service having encountered an occasion where inadequate lighting prevented crews from fulfilling their operational duties. All Service fire engines have significant lighting available and Essex County Council can be requested that lighting is switched on or remains on if required.*

- *The AA – primary concern is with the blackout on urban and suburban roads of 40mph or faster and they consider that the evidence for not switching lights off on these road is irrefutable. The AA hope that in the longer term more councils will install energy efficiency lighting as a way of reducing energy costs rather than a switch off.*
- *Essex Police – not aware of any current significant crime trends around the night time economy that could be driven by impact of lighting. Crime trends are monitored and if there is evidence of an increase in any particular type of crime action will be taken. This includes the ability to request Essex County Council to turn the lights on.*
- *Town and Parish Councils – most Town or Parish Councils have not reported receiving significant complaints or negative feedback regarding part night lighting. Harwich Town Council has reported a number of concerns expressed by residents. For some Councils the effect is mitigated by them paying for lights themselves and there is concern, particularly in these Town and Parish Councils, about residents paying through council tax two or three times for street lighting.*

The Cabinet was informed that there had been 309 responses received from individual residents to the online consultation. Of those 203 had positively asked for the lights to be switched back on with a further 26 expressing concerns about the lights being turned off. The reasons cited included:-

- *Generally feeling less safe in the dark;*
- *Fear of more crimes being committed especially burglary and vandalism. In the case of vandalism many people felt that there was increased damage to cars since the lights have been turned off. Several also mentioned that their fears around crime were exacerbated by concern that Clacton Police Station may close ;*
- *Danger of falling on uneven pavements, kerbs etc.;*
- *Concern that emergency services would be unable to find the location of incidents in the dark and that criminals cannot be seen or identified in the dark;*
- *Concern that people out very early in the morning or late at night e.g. shift workers, partygoers etc. could be attacked;*
- *Not being able to see hazards whilst driving such as pedestrians, potholes etc.*

The Cabinet was made aware that there were 67 respondents who had positively asked that the lights continued to be turned off between midnight and 5am. The reasons given were:

- *Better able to sleep at night without the glare from street lights;*
- *Ability to view the night sky and see the stars;*
- *There are benefits both financially and environmentally;*
- *The funding put aside to meet the cost of turning the lights back on could be better used e.g. more policing, social care, health;*
- *Turning off the lights discourages criminals as they cannot see in the dark either;*
- *Not wanting to pay two or three times for street lights to be on.*

The Cabinet was advised that the remaining respondents had not expressed a positive view one way or the other but had suggested alternative approaches that would still make cost savings but would allow the lights to be on, including installing LED lights or only turning off every second or third light.

It was also reported that information had also been received that the “We want our lights back on.....Tendring” campaign had secured approximately 10,500 signatures in favour of street lights being lit throughout the night and that the petition would be presented to Essex County Council's Highways Department once 14,000 signatures had been obtained.

Members were aware that, at the Council meeting held on 10 February 2015, the Leader of the Council, in his Budget speech had made a commitment to set aside a one-off sum of £160,000 pending a final decision on part night street lighting by the Council.

Having considered the consultation responses received and having discussed this matter fully:

It was proposed by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor P B Honeywood and **RESOLVED** that in order to take forward the present motion to Council, the Leader of the Council will recommend an amendment to Council that Essex County Council be requested to switch on street lights within the Tendring District at night and that the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive be authorised to discuss the terms, including funding arrangements, with Essex County Council and bring proposals back to a meeting of full Council.

140. CABINET MEMBERS' ITEMS

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transformation

A.3 Annual Treasury Strategy for 2015/2016 (Including Prudential and Treasury Indicators)

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transformation, which sought Cabinet's agreement for the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2015/2016 to be submitted to Council.

Cabinet recalled that it had initially considered and agreed the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2015/16 including Prudential and Treasury Indicators at its meeting held on 23 January 2015 for submission to the Corporate Management Committee for review.

It was reported that the Corporate Management Committee had considered the Strategy at its meeting held on 16 February 2015 and had resolved (minute 51 referred):

*“That the Committee **COMMENT TO CABINET** that it recognised the comprehensive report and endorsed its progress onto Cabinet.”*

Cabinet was made aware that the Annual Treasury Strategy had been subject to minor amendments to reflect the most up to date interest rate forecasts along with the Prudential Indicators now taking into account the final budget for 2015/16, as agreed by Council on 10 February 2015. Apart from those minor amendments the Strategy remained as presented to Cabinet at its 23 January 2015 meeting.

Having discussed the Strategy and the proposals contained therein:

It was proposed by Councillor Goggin, seconded by Councillor Platt and **RESOLVED** that the comment of the Corporate Management Committee be noted; and that it be:

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL, that the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2015/2016 (including Prudential and Treasury Indicators), be approved and implemented.

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Benefits and Revenues

A.4 Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Benefits and Revenues, which informed Cabinet of a proposal to offer financial assistance for Private Sector Housing and sought its agreement for a revised Financial Assistance Policy.

Cabinet recalled that, in 2011/12, the Council had stopped offering home improvement loans, other than in exceptional circumstances, due to a shortage of capital funds. The majority of the loans that had been offered up until then were repayable on sale, or transfer of property ownership, as a consequence of which, capital receipts of over £500,000 had been accrued by the Council.

It was reported that, in addition, funding of £100,000 had recently been awarded to the Council from the Local Growth Deal.

It was therefore suggested by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Benefits and Revenues that those receipts and the Growth Deal funding be now used to offer assistance to home owners wishing to carry out essential repairs and the Financial Assistance Policy had been updated to reflect that suggestion.

Having considered the report and having discussed the matter:

It was proposed by Councillor Honeywood, seconded by Councillor McWilliams and **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the revised Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing, as appended to item A.4 to the Report of the Housing, Benefits and Revenues Portfolio Holder, be approved; and
- (b) the £500,000 capital receipts and £100,000 Growth Deal funding be used to implement the discretionary elements of the Policy.

Reports of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Corporate Services

A.5 Amendments to the Council's Constitution – Phase Four – Scheme of Delegation

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Corporate Services, which sought Cabinet's authority to recommend to Council proposed changes to Part 3 Responsibility of Functions – Scheme of Delegated Powers, which had been suggested by Members and Officers as Phase Four of the review of the Council's Constitution. In addition, some miscellaneous changes were sought to the Rules of Procedure in Part 5 of the constitution on the advice of the Council's statutory officers.

Councillor Guglielmi (Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder) thanked the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) (Martyn Knappett), the Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney) and, especially, the

Monitoring Officer (Lisa Hastings) for their dedicated work in supporting the Constitution Working Party.

Councillors Hawkins and Talbot both thanked Councillor Guglielmi for the courteous and effective way in which he had chaired the Constitution Working Party meetings. They also both commended Lisa Hastings for her work on the review of the Constitution.

Having considered the proposed changes to the Constitution:

It was proposed by Councillor Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor Turner and **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that:

- (a) the proposed changes to Part 3 – Responsibility of Functions - Scheme of Delegation as detailed and set out in Appendix A to item A.5 of the Report of the Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder, be adopted;
- (b) Rule 4.3.9 of the Procurement Procedure Rules, contained within Part 5 of the Constitution, be amended to include additional wording requested by the Section 151 Officer;
- (c) the amendments required to the Access to Information Procedure Rules to ensure compliance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 be adopted;
- (d) Article 4 of the Constitution be amended to include the appointment of the Independent Remuneration Panel within the terms of reference of Council; and
- (e) the disbandment of the Regulatory Committee and the Appeals Sub-Committee, the creation of the Licensing and Registration Committee and the renaming of the Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee to the General Purposes Sub-Committee come into formal effect at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 26 May 2015.

A.6 Programme of Meetings 2015/2016 Municipal Year

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Corporate Services, which sought Cabinet's agreement, as required by the Constitution, to submit for formal approval to the Annual Meeting of the Council a programme of meetings for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

Having considered the proposed Programme of Meetings:

It was proposed by Councillor Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor Page and **RESOLVED** that the programme of meetings for the Council and Committees, as set out in the Appendix to item A.6 of the Report of the Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder, be approved and be submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Council for formal approval.

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Inward Investment and Asset Management

A.7 Freehold Disposal of 63 West Street, Harwich

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Inward Investment and Asset Management, which sought Cabinet's approval for the freehold disposal of 63 West Street situated in Harwich.

It was reported that the Council owned 63 West Street, Harwich which had been part of its housing stock for some years. The house was currently in a poor condition and no longer met the criteria required by the Housing department. The house was a 5 bedroomed, 3 storey dwelling which was in need of complete renovation.

Cabinet was made aware that the property was a listed building and included a right of way through the garden from the property at the rear to West Street. The property had been marketed by agents and the Council had had three valuations undertaken in order to ensure best value was obtained. The property fell within the housing revenue account and the proceeds of the purchase would be used to purchase another dwelling in Harwich which would be more easily maintained and of a size more in demand.

The Monitoring Officer (Lisa Hastings) advised the Cabinet that the Legal Implications section in the report should be disregarded and that the following wording be taken into account instead:

“Land which is held under the Housing Revenue Account for housing purposes can be disposed of for a consideration equal to market value relying on The General Housing Consents Order 2013 (Section 32 Housing Act 1985). The property has been extensively marketed and therefore, this criteria is met.”

Having considered the matter:

It was proposed by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Honeywood and **RESOLVED** that subject to Cabinet’s further decision on terms later in this meeting, Cabinet authorises, in principle, the freehold disposal of 63 West Street, Harwich.

Reports of the Portfolio Holder for Well-being and Partnerships

A.8 Tending Children and Young People’s Strategy

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Well-being and Partnerships, which outlined recommendations towards reviewing the Children and Young People’s Strategy 2011-2016.

It was reported that:

- The Children and Young People’s Strategy had been in existence since 2011;
- The Strategy outlined three priority areas namely, Child Poverty, NEETS (16 to 19 years olds not in Education, Employment or Training), and Safeguarding;
- This was a timely opportunity to review and refresh the existing Strategy to take into account recommendations following a Home Office Peer Review relating to ending Gang and Youth violence and the current needs of young people, whilst engaging on a more comprehensive basis with relevant key partners;
- This was also an opportunity for the Council to work with key partner agencies to produce a Delivery Plan in order to ensure that progress was made against identified objectives, in compliance with Government guidelines and best practice;

- Without a Strategy and Delivery Plan in place there was a risk that there would be gaps and possible duplication of provision and services for children and young people in the District of Tendring; and
- It was proposed that the revised Strategy and Delivery Plan be reported to the local Health and Wellbeing Board and Cabinet for approval in due course.

The Cabinet also had before it an addendum report by the Portfolio Holder for Well-being and Partnerships which informed Cabinet that the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee, at its special meeting held on 9 March 2015, had discussed, at length, the issue of Child Poverty which was one of the three key elements in the current Tendring Children and Young People's Strategy. The report set out that Committee's recommendations to Cabinet on this matter, together with the Portfolio Holder's formal response thereto.

Having considered the matter:

It was proposed by Councillor McWilliams, seconded by Councillor Guglielmi and **RESOLVED** that

- (a) the Children and Young People's Strategy be reviewed and updated and that the new Strategy and Delivery Plan be reported, in due course, to the local Health and Well-Being Board and Cabinet for approval; and
- (b) the revised draft Children and Young People's Strategy be submitted to the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee and the Education and Skills Committee for review and comment prior to being submitted to the Cabinet and the Tendring Health and Well-Being Board.
- (c) that the following matters raised by the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee be implemented now namely that
 - when draft reports are sent to Cabinet they should make it clear that this is a strategic priority of Council;
 - this subject be included on new Members' induction so that new Members are made aware of Child Poverty issues in the District; and
 - this issue is really important to the reputation of the District and that this subject must be addressed and issues reported every six months.

A.9 Tendring Mental Health Hub Pilot

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Well-being and Partnerships, which outlined recommendations towards support of the Tendring Mental Health Hub.

It was reported that:

- The Tendring District had a higher incidence of people with mental ill health living in the community than other areas of Essex. This placed an additional burden on public services;
- Many of those people were trapped in the 'revolving door' of discharge and readmission to hospital, and other secondary and tertiary mental health services.;
- There was a need for a new initiative that provided earlier intervention and made more efficient and effective use of the statutory and community resources that were available;

- Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Tendring proposed to establish a Mental Health Hub to carry out holistic assessment and act as a single point of referral for both individual service users and statutory and voluntary sector partners such as GPs and the Police;
- The recipients of the service would be Tendring District residents aged 18 or over suffering from mental ill health;
- The overarching aims of the project would be to:
 - i) Improve the health and wellbeing of people with mental ill health in the Tendring District; and
 - ii) Generate savings for the public purse;
- The Tendring Community Clothes Hub would also form part of the initiative, using the model from the successful Tendring Community Builder Trial 'Winter Warmers' pop-up shops, to provide a permanent centre to receive public donations of goods which would be redistributed free of charge to those who had been assessed as 'genuinely in need'. It would be staffed mainly by volunteers experiencing mental ill health;
- Working in partnership with the CAB Mental Health Casework Service, the Hub would accept a minimum of 550 referrals per annum;
- The Tendring Mental Health Hub would be run as a 12-month pilot project in order to demonstrate that the health and well-being outcomes could be achieved and that the projected savings could be generated for the public purse. This evidence and the evaluation of the project outcomes would then be used to make a case to commissioners to embed the continuation of the project in their commissioning plans;
- The project would be fully evaluated with the support of Essex County Council to assess whether it had achieved its aims;
- The Tendring Mental Hub proposal was endorsed by the Members of the Tendring Health & Wellbeing Board as well as North East Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Tendring Mental Health Support, Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and service users. The project proposal had also received unanimous support at the Mental Health workshop at the 2015 Police and Crime Commissioner's Conference.

Having considered the matter:

It was proposed by Councillor McWilliams, seconded by Councillor Turner and **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the Tendring Mental Health Hub proposal be supported; and
- (b) funding be allocated from the remaining EssexFamily Tendring pilot budget to enable the Council to contribute a one-off payment of £20,000 towards match-funding of the Tendring Mental Health Hub pilot.

141. MANAGEMENT TEAM ITEMS

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

142. URGENT ITEM

The Cabinet was informed that an urgent item would be taken following the exclusion of the public in respect of the amendment of terms for the acquisition of a site in Jaywick, Clacton-on-Sea in order that the purchase of the site could be completed on a satisfactory basis.

143. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Items 13 and 14 and the Urgent Item detailed above on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, of the Act.

144. EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2015

The minutes of the last meeting of the Cabinet, held on 27 February 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

145. TERMS FOR THE FREEHOLD DISPOSAL OF 63 WEST STREET, HARWICH

RESOLVED that:

- (a) Following Cabinet's approval of the principle of the freehold disposal of 63 West Street, Harwich, as set out in the Part A report on this agenda, progress with the disposal on the terms set out in this report, be agreed; and
- (b) Subject to (a) above, the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) be authorised to enter into a contract to dispose of the site, on terms set out in the report and on such other terms and conditions that the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) considered appropriate.

146. ACQUISITION OF A SITE IN JAYWICK – AMENDMENT OF TERMS

RESOLVED that the Corporate Directors (Corporate Services) and (Life Opportunities), in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Council's Section 151 and Monitoring Officers be authorised to complete the acquisition of the site on the terms previously agreed, subject to the exclusion of the requirement for vacant possession.

147. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The Leader of the Council informed Members that the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet would take place on Friday 24 April 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in the Essex Hall, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.35 a.m.

Chairman