### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET, HELD ON FRIDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2018 AT 10.30 AM ESSEX HALL, TOWN HALL, CLACTON-ON-SEA, CO15 1SE

Present: Councillors Neil Stock OBE (Leader of the Council) (Chairman), Zoe

Fairley (Investment and Growth Portfolio Holder), Paul Honeywood (Housing Portfolio Holder), Lynda McWilliams (Health and Education Portfolio Holder), Fred Nicholls (Corporate Enforcement Portfolio Holder), Mick Skeels (Snr) (Leisure and Tourism Portfolio Holder)

and Michael Talbot (Environment Portfolio Holder)

## **Group Leaders Present by Invitation:**

Councillors Joy Broderick (Leader of the Holland Residents Group), Robert Bucke (Leader of the Liberal Democrats / Tendring First Group), Michael Bush (Deputy Leader of the Tendring Independents Group), Ivan Henderson (Leader of Labour Group), John Hones (Deputy Leader of the UKIP Group), Mary Newton (Leader of the UKIP Group) and Mark Stephenson (Leader of the Tendring

Independents Group)

Also Present: Councillors Giles Watling MP and Colin Winfield

In Attendance: Ian Davidson (Chief Executive), Martyn Knappett (Deputy Chief

Executive (Corporate Services)), Ewan Green (Corporate Director (Planning and Regeneration)), Lisa Hastings (Head of Governance and Legal Services), Richard Barrett (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits Services), Ian Ford (Committee Services Manager), Elizabeth Ridout (Leadership Support Manager) and William Lodge

(Communications Manager)

### 12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor G V Guglielmi (Deputy Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Resources).

### 13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet, held on Friday 18 May 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

With the permission of the Chairman and with regard to the declaration of interest that he had made at the last meeting of the Cabinet in relation to the emerging Community Interest Company in Jaywick (Minute 11 referred), Councillor P B Honeywood made the following statement:-

"I wish to clarify my position regarding my involvement with Jaywick Sands Revival, a Community Interest Company which is now officially registered at Companies House with just three Directors which does not include me.

My position is currently one of voluntary Interim Director – this interim Board was put in place just to get things moving. This means that I have a vote with the other interim Directors (also not registered) on any key decisions.

Shares will start to go on sale and the Permanent Board will be voted in in September by nominations and at that point this Board will be registered with Companies House.

I hope that clarifies the situation."

### 14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

### 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Clacton Town Centre Portfolio Holder Working Party

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Stock OBE) informed Members that he intended to establish a Portfolio Holder Working Party to examine the current retail issues affecting Clacton Town Centre and to play a role in shaping the future shopping offer in Clacton. The Working Party would be established in accordance with the Council's Constitution and would therefore have cross-political group membership. The Working Party would also work with relevant bodies from outside the Council such as the Clacton Town Centre Partnership.

#### 16. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CABINET MEMBERS

There were none on this occasion.

# 17. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET BY THE COUNCIL - REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL - A.1 - RENEWAL AND DUALLING OF THE A120 BETWEEN HARWICH AND HORSLEY CROSS

Cabinet was aware that, at the meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2018, the following motion had been moved by Councillor I J Henderson, seconded by Councillor Calver and, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.4, had stood referred to the Cabinet for consideration and report:

"Following confirmation in writing from Martin Fellows, Regional Director Operations East Highways England, that the Wix By-pass is approaching the end of its anticipated life and that the long term aim is to renew this section of road, Tendring District Council writes to Essex County Council to advise ECC that it fully supports calls for the renewal and dualling of the A120 between Harwich and Horsley Cross and requests that ECC engages in the process of securing the necessary Government funding through the second Roads Investment Strategy Period 2020/25."

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor Henderson explained the motion.

During the consideration of this item the Leader of the Council, on behalf of the Cabinet, placed on record its congratulations to The Honourable Sir Bernard Jenkin MP (for the

Harwich and North Essex Parliamentary Constituency) on his being awarded a Knighthood in Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Having considered and discussed the motion:-

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

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet supports the spirit of Councillor I J Henderson's motion but cannot support its wording in its original format and therefore it is:-

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that Councillor I J Henderson's motion be amended to read as follows:-

### "(1) This Council recognises:

- The national and international significance of the A120 strategic highway.
- That the A120 connects Stansted Airport to the international ports at Harwich and is a key economic corridor essential to the economic success and vitality of much of the East of England.
- That the A120 is one of the country's only East-West highways.
- That the A120 from Braintree to Marks Tey is wholly inadequate and should be upgraded to dual carriageway as soon as possible.
- That the A120 from Hare Green to Harwich is wholly inadequate and should be upgraded to dual carriageway as soon as possible.
- (2) This Council notes and welcomes Essex County Council's support for the dualling of the A120 from Braintree to Marks Tey, but this Council
  - Questions why no route option was even considered that would run north of the existing route.
  - Questions the logic of favouring a new route which connects to the A12 so far south, actually closer to Chelmsford than to Colchester, as such an option will lead to far more traffic on the A12 which is already beyond capacity and will lengthen considerably journey times on the A120.
- (3) This Council welcomes and supports the announcement by Highways England Regional Director Eastern Region, Martin Fellows that the A120 between Harwich and Horsley Cross is at last being proposed for upgrade and dualling and this Council will actively seek support as a matter of urgency from
  - Our Members of Parliament;
  - Essex County Council, including those Members elected to represent Tendring; and
  - All key stakeholders in both the public and the private sector –

to help make the case that the upgrade, renewal and dualling of the A120 between Harwich and Hare Green is vital not just to the economic prosperity and well-being of the District of Tendring but that it will also positively impact a much wider area.

(4) This Council specifically requests that Essex County Council ensures that the necessary Government funding is secured through the RIS2 (Road Investment Strategy

2) 2020/25 and the A120 is made fit for purpose and upgraded to dual-carriageway status as soon as possible."

It was further **RESOLVED** that the Leader of the Council works with Councillor I J Henderson to review the final wording of the proposed amended motion, prior to the full Council meeting on 3 July 2018, in order to make it as effective as possible.

# 18. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET BY THE COUNCIL - REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL - A.2 - FORMER PUBLIC COVENIENCES AT IPSWICH ROAD, HOLLAND-ON-SEA

Cabinet was aware that, at the meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2018, the following motion had been moved by Councillor Winfield, seconded by Councillor Broderick and, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.4, had stood referred to the Cabinet for consideration and report:

"That this Council hereby requests the Executive to rescind the previous decisions taken by the Cabinet and the Finance and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder to close and lease out the public conveniences at Ipswich Road, Holland-on-Sea and instruct the Corporate Director (Operational Services) to restore and re-open for public use the aforesaid public conveniences."

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.5, Councillor Winfield attended the meeting and explained the motion.

Having considered and discussed the motion:-

It was moved by Councillor Stock OBE, seconded by Councillor Fairley and:-

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that Councillor Winfield's motion be not supported.

# 19. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET BY A COMMITTEE - REFERENCE FROM THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - A.3 - PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2017/18 OUTTURN

Cabinet was informed that, at the inaugural meeting of the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 May 2018 (Minute 6 referred) that Committee had received a report from the Deputy Chief Executive regarding the Council's Performance Outturn Report 2017/2018.

It had been explained to the Committee that the report included 16 indicators and projects where performance had been measured. Of those, 13 (81%) were on or above their expected target and 3 (19%) were not in line with expected performance. Three of the indicators and projects within the report had been deemed non-measurable as the Council's role was that of 'influence' only.

Members of the Committee had been informed that the performance report had been submitted to Cabinet at its meeting held on 18 May 2018 and that any feedback from the Committee would be presented to a future meeting of the Cabinet as a separate reference report.

Following discussion of the report the Resources and Sertvices Overview and Scrutiny Committee had **RESOLVED** that –

(a) the contents of the report be noted, subject to the sickness figures being removed from future performance update reports to the Committee.

The Committee had also **RESOLVED** that:

(b) the Cabinet be informed that the Committee will be undertaking overview and scrutiny reviews on waste management and recycling rates and will inform Cabinet in due course of the outcome of such reviews. The relevant Officer(s) will be requested to attend the Committee in the first instance and the Environment Portfolio Holder will be asked to attend the Task and Finish Working Group, if required.

Cabinet was informed that the Finance and Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder had noted the stated intentions of the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that he looked forward to seeing the outcome of those reviews.

Having considered the comment of the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the response of the Finance and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder thereto:-

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

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet notes the intention of the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to carry out task and finish reviews of waste management and recycling rates.

### 20. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S ITEMS

There were none on this occasion.

### 21. CABINET MEMBERS' ITEMS

There were none on this occasion.

#### 22. MANAGEMENT TEAM ITEMS

There were none on this occasion.

The Meeting was declared closed at 11.30 am

**Chairman**