CABINET

14 March 2018

Attendance:

Councillor Horrill -	Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing Services (Chairman) (P)	
Councillor Humby -	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business Partnerships (P)	
Councillor Ashton -	Portfolio Holder for Finance (P)	
Councillor Brook -	Portfolio Holder for Built Environment (P)	
Councillor Godfrey -	Portfolio Holder for Professional Services (P)	
Councillor Griffiths -	Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing (P)	
Councillor Miller -	Portfolio Holder for Economy & Estates (P)	
Councillor Warwick -	Portfolio Holder for Environment (P)	

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillor Evans

1. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET COMMITTEES ETC

It was reported that the Carroll Centre had indicated a preference for a local Councillor to be appointed if possible. Nominations had been received from Councillors Scott and Laming, together with Councillor Tait (the current deputy).

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Scott be appointed as an Observer to the Board (until May 2019).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 February 2018 be approved and adopted.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sam Charles (Chairman of Durley Parish Council) spoke regarding Report CAB3023 and his comments are summarised under the relevant minute below.

4. LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader welcomed those present to Durley Village Hall, Durley which was part of Cabinet's commitment to meet at different venues around the Winchester district.

The Leader and Portfolio Holders made a number of announcements as summarised below:

- <u>PHD774</u> (Traffic Regulation Order Various Roads, Durley) had been signed and approved - the double yellow lines were due to be installed during the week commencing 16 April 2018.
- An announcement would be made shortly on distribution of a share of income from textile recycling to three parish councils with textile banks installed.
- An update on the initiative to tackle commercial waste bins in the centre of Winchester commercial bins had now been removed from the central high street area and the Council had commissioned its own commercial bin store in Cossack Lane.
- The Winchester Guildhall 1871 Café had achieved Silver accreditation in the Winchester Access for all Award. The Guildhall had also won the "Best Bar None" in 2017.
- The Winovation event had recently been held which enabled voluntary organisations to bid for grants.
- "My Home", the Partnered Home Partnership scheme had been launched and a number of responses had been received already.
- Thanks to all involved in the Finance Team in preparing the Council's budget for 2018/19 which had been approved and demonstrated a strong financial basis for the Council.
- A recent report to Personnel Committee (<u>PER313</u> refers) indicated that the Council's gender pay gap was significantly below the national average.
- Welcomed the appointment of Chas Bradfield as the new Corporate Director: Place, starting in June 2018.
- The Sports and Physical Activity Framework had been published which was a partnership initiative designed for people of all abilities.
- The draft report on the review of the planning service had been received and a meeting would be arranged with Parish Councils to discuss its contents in May/June.
- The Local Plan Review had commenced and the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) had been issued.
- An event would take place on 15 March for all parish councils to attend on the subject of development of rural and affordable houses.
- A successful Housing Tenant Conference had recently taken place and it was anticipated this would become a regular event.

5. <u>PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF CHILCOMB SPORTS GROUND,</u> <u>PETERSFIELD ROAD, WINCHESTER</u> (Benert CAP2022 refere)

(Report CAB3022 refers)

Councillor Miller introduced the report and welcomed the proposed acquisition, highlighting that it would enable the Council to offer additional pitch provision in the area which would integrate with the future development proposals for a new Leisure Centre at Bar End. It might also be possible to increase the number of pitches on the area by changing the lay out and considering smaller pitch areas for five a side football games. The pavilion itself was useable but dated and would benefit from refurbishment.

In response to questions, Councillor Griffiths stated that the aim was for these new pitches, along with others, to be bookable through a central booking system when this was available.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Council acquire the freehold of the Chilcomb Sports Group from Hampshire County Council under the terms referred to in the report.

2. That authority be given to incur the expenditure on Stamp Duty referred to in the report and allocation of a supplementary budget of £17,000 from the Major Investment Reserve.

3. That the Head of Landscapes and Open Spaces be authorised to licence the playing fields and pavilion for sporting, recreational and community use.

4. That the Head of Landscapes and Open Spaces investigates the availability of external funding to enable the pavilion to be refurbished and more intensive use to be made of the pitches and reports back in due course.

6. MINUTES OF CABINET (STATION APPROACH) COMMITTEE HELD 27 FEBRUARY 2018

(Report CAB3029 refers)

Councillor Miller provided an update on stakeholder and public engagement events since the Committee meeting. Cabinet noted that responses so far from the public and local businesses had been supportive of the proposals.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet (Station Approach) Committee held 27 February 2018 be received (as attached as Appendix A to the minutes).

7. FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Evans queried why the Asset Management Plan Update was not included as an item on the Forward Plan.

The Chief Executive advised that the Corporate Head of Asset Management had provided a verbal update on the Asset Management Plan to The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 February 2018 and there were no decisions required to be taken by Cabinet at this time.

RESOLVED:

That the list of future items, as set out in the Forward Plan for April 2018, be noted.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE (LESS EXEMPT APPENDIX 2)

(Report CAB3029 refers)

The Legal Services Manager advised that subsequent to being published, it had been decided that the contents of the covering report be classified as exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. However, the contents of Appendix 1 (the Essential Services Survey results November 2016) could remain in the public domain and it would be possible to have a general discussion on the environmental services contract (without reference to the specific contents of the report) in the open session of the meeting.

Sam Charles (Chairman of Durley Parish Council) spoke during public participation and in summary emphasised the importance of the City Council ensuring that parish councils were fully involved, particularly in measures to tackle fly-tipping.

The Chairman agreed that parish councils and parish councillors were of vital importance in for much of the Council's work and she and the Chief Executive had committed to meet parish councils twice a year. Councillor Humby highlighted the appointment of a new officer to deal with fly-tipping who be would be visiting all parish councils in due course.

Councillor Warwick introduced the report and stated that the contracts referred to in the report commenced in 2012 and were due to reach the end of the first contract term in September 2019. As had been discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee there were several options available for the council to consider to provide this service.. Councillor Warwick highlighted that an important priority for the public as highlighted in the Services Survey was for kerbside glass recycling and it was proposed that this be included in the contract subject to cost considerations. With regard to recycling of plastic tubs, pots and trays, a Single Material Recycling Facility was under consideration by the County Council and due to be available from 2020/21. In the mean time, the Council is investigating the feasibility of providing "bring sites" for these plastic items, provided a means of recycling could be obtained.

Cabinet considered the contents of Appendix 1 to the report, and in addition to the points raised on glass and plastic recycling noted above, the following points were made:

- The survey response to services currently provided by Biffa had generally been positive. Biffa had indicated that they were happy to continue to work with the Council.
- Parish councils should be reminded about the ability to request textile recycling banks for installation in their parish area and receive a share of any income.
- The involvement of council tenants in monitoring the grass cutting contract service was highlighted, in addition to the improvements to the service in recent times.

Cabinet then moved into exempt session to discuss the main report and recommendations, together with exempt appendix 2.

9. EXEMPT BUSINESS

RESOLVED:

1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2. That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute</u> Number	<u>Item</u>	Description of Exempt Information
##	Environmental Services Contract Update) Information relating to the) financial or business affairs of) any particular person (including) the authority holding that) information). (Para 3 Schedule) 12A refers)

) Information in respect of which a
) claim to legal professional
) privilege could be maintained in
) legal proceedings. (Para 5
) Schedule 12A refers)

10. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE</u> (Report CAB3029 refers)

Cabinet considered the above report and Appendix 2 which contained an update on the Environmental Services Contract and recommended options for the way forward (detail in exempt minute).

The meeting commenced at 4.30pm and concluded at 5.50pm