

CABINET

12 September 2012

Attendance:

Councillor Wood - *Leader (Chairman) (P)*
Councillor Humby - *Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning & Economic Development (P)*
Councillor Coates - *Portfolio Holder for Housing (P)*
Councillor Godfrey - *Portfolio Holder for Finance & Administration (P)*
Councillor Huxstep - *Portfolio Holder for Environment (P)*
Councillor Stallard - *Portfolio Holder for Communities, Culture and Sport*
Councillor Tait - *Portfolio Holder for New Homes Delivery (P)*
Councillor Weston - *Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport (P)*

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillor Learney

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillors J Berry, Evans, Hutchison, Izard, Pines and Scott

1. **MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET COMMITTEES ETC**

Cabinet noted that Mrs J Steventon-Baker had been nominated as the TACT representative on the Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the TACT representative on the Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee be confirmed as Mrs J Steventon-Baker.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 July 2012, less exempt items, be approved and adopted.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

4. **LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Weston announced that the County Council had recently approved a 20mph residential pilot scheme programme which includes Stanmore. In addition, the City Council would also seek to introduce 20mph area speed limits in Winnall and Highcliffe on behalf of the County Council through its Traffic Management Agency agreement. Consultation would be undertaken on these proposals in due course and it was hoped that this would lead to their implementation from March 2013.

The Chairman reported that the Council had arranged a meeting for 15 October 2012 to examine how the legacy of the Olympics could be taken forward across the whole District. All sports clubs in the District had been invited to participate.

5. **CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2012/13 – 2015/16**

(Report CAB2378 refers)

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

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT THE DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY FOR 2012 BE APPROVED AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX A OF REPORT CAB2378.

2. THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7.2 AND SUBJECT TO THE MATTER NOT BEING CALLED IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, THE SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL ESTIMATE OF £217,000 OVER FOUR YEARS BE APPROVED FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF SHARED IT INFRASTRUCTURE.

RESOLVED:

1. That the updated Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2015/16 be approved as provided at Appendix B of the Report (noting that individual schemes within the Capital Programme each require appropriate approval by Cabinet or Portfolio Holders in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules before any funds are committed).

2. That the Head of Finance should submit a return to enable access to the PWLB “certainty rate” for borrowing, as explained in Paragraph 6 of the Report.

3. That the changes in the rules with regards to right to buy (RTB) capital receipts be noted, and the proposed treatment of them as explained in paragraph 7.4 of the Report be confirmed.

6. **GENERAL FUND BUDGET – REVIEW 2012/13**
(Report CAB2377 refers)

The Head of Finance advised that Paragraph 2.6 of the Report should be corrected to note that “Income for the year to June amounted to £156k”, rather than July as stated.

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

RESOLVED:

That the General Fund Review for 2012/13 be noted.

7. **REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2012**
(Report CAB2376(LDF) refers)

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Winchester District Local Development Scheme 2012, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Report, be approved and brought into effect from 13 September 2012.

2. That (subject to The Overview and Scrutiny Committee not exercising its powers of call-in) a one-off Revenue budget virement of £71,400 is approved for 2012/13 from the General Fund Flexible Resource Management budget to the Local Plan budget. This will cover the Local Plan Part 1 and commencement of Part 2 (as detailed in the financial resources section of the report).

8. **AMENDED AND UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CABINET (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK) COMMITTEE**
(Report CAB2384(LDF) refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That the revised Terms of Reference for Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee be agreed, as set out in the Appendix to the Report.

9. **CITIES FIT FOR CYCLING**
(Report CAB2382 refers)

Cabinet noted that at Council on 18 April 2012, former Councillor Jackson had submitted a Notice of Motion as follows:

“This Council

- recognises that cycling is an extremely efficient form of transport for certain journeys, which is good for health, well-being and the environment;
- supports successive Governments’ commitment to encourage the use of bikes and reduce the number of cyclist-related road accidents;
- supports The Times’ “Cities fit for Cycling” campaign with its 8-point manifesto calling for Cities to be made fit for cyclists and
- calls on Hampshire County Council to give a much higher priority to the needs of cyclists - particularly as set out in the Winchester District Cycling Strategy. “

Councillor Weston highlighted the work already being undertaken by the Council in promotion of cycling, as set out in the Report. She welcomed the proposal to support the Notice of Motion.

The Chairman requested that the possible provision of a cycling track be examined further as part of the future debate on how the Council should respond to the legacy of the 2012 Olympics.

During the public participation period, former Councillor Jackson addressed Cabinet and in summary, thanked Members for their support. In addition, she thanked the officers in the Access and Infrastructure Team for their work in promoting various initiatives relating to increasing cycling. She agreed that the Council should seek to capitalise on the impetus of the recent Olympics to increase the numbers of people cycling on roads and cycling safely.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Learney also supported the proposals on behalf of the Liberal Democrat group and thanked former Councillor Jackson for her work in the promotion of cycling. She highlighted the importance of encouraging safer road cycling. She requested that the Portfolio Holder report back periodically on achievements and progress.

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

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE NOTICE OF MOTION (AS SET OUT ABOVE) BE SUPPORTED AS AN INDICATION OF THE COUNCIL’S SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF CYCLISTS AND THE PROMOTION OF CYCLING GENERALLY.

10. **SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME**

(Report CAB2379 refers)

Councillor Godfrey declared a personal and prejudicial interest due to his role as a County Council employee. He left the room during consideration of this item and took no part in the debate or decision.

Councillor Weston highlighted that the Council already supported similar schemes, such as the New Alresford Town Bus and the Denmead shopper service, and would be happy to consider similar requests from other local groups.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Learney confirmed that both the Ward Members and Wickham Parish Council were in support of the proposals as set out in the Report.

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

RESOLVED:

That the contribution towards this scheme of £10,000 be approved for payment to Hampshire County Council.

11. **MAKING BEST USE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICES**

(Report CAB2380 refers)

The Chairman stated that the Report had been prepared at his request with the aim of reducing the volume of business dealt with at Cabinet meetings. With regard to the second Recommendation of the Report, he requested that the emphasis should be on portfolio holders and officers to promote decisions being made by Portfolio Holder Decision Notice wherever possible.

The Chairman emphasised that it was important that there was still opportunity for democratic input into the decision-making process, and he was discussing with the Chief Executive and opposition Members means by which they would remain involved.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Chief Executive and Corporate Director (Governance) review, with the Leader and other senior Members, the Scheme of Delegation to Portfolio Holders and advise Cabinet whether any changes would be appropriate.

2. That the individual Portfolio Holders be encouraged, in discussion with relevant officers, to consider whether matters can be considered through the Portfolio Holder Decision Notice procedure or, where no decision is involved, communicated to interested parties other than through a report to Cabinet.

3. That the Chief Executive and Corporate Director (Governance) be invited to review the delegations to other bodies, notably Personnel Committee, to consider whether they could deal with matters currently referred by them to Cabinet.

4. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Corporate Director (Governance), review arrangements for raising Member and public awareness of the PHDN procedure and its outcomes, and for communicating other information currently reported through Cabinet.

12. **FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

RESOLVED:

That the list of future items, as set out in the Forward Plan for September 2012, be noted.

13. **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 Number</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Description of Exempt Information</u> |
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| ## | Exempt minutes of the previous meeting |) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). |
| ## | Loan to the Hat Fair |) (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers) |

14. **LOAN TO THE HAT FAIR**
(Report CAB2396 refers)

Councillor Godfrey declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of this item due to his role as a County Council employee. He remained in the room, spoke and voted thereon.

Cabinet considered the above Report which set out proposals regarding a loan to the Hat Fair (detail in exempt minute).

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.50am