

CABINET**5 July 2017****Attendance:**

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

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Pearson, Porter, Prince and Thompson

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Humby indicated that the matter relating to the Durngate Flood Defence Scheme (Reports CAB2940 and CAB2938 refer) was within his Hampshire County Council Portfolio responsibilities. Although he noted that he had a dispensation to speak and vote on such matters where there was no material conflict of interest, he remained in the room, spoke but did not vote on these items.

With regard to Report CAB2947(LP), Councillor Miller declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a close friend was involved in one of the sites listed in the Report. He left the room during consideration of this item and took no part in the debate or decision.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET COMMITTEES ETC

Following consideration of appointments at the previous meeting on 18 May 2017, Cabinet noted an outstanding vacancy to an external body requiring appointment. In addition, the Liberal Democrat Group had requested a change to the invitees of the Cabinet (Central Winchester Regeneration) Committee.

Cabinet agreed to appointments being made as detailed below.

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments to external bodies be made (for the 2017/18 Municipal Year):

- a) **River Hamble Harbour Management Committee** – Councillor Miller (deputy until May 2021)
- b) **Cabinet (Central Winchester Regeneration) Committee** – Councillor Hutchison to replace Councillor Weir as a standing invitee on this Committee (Councillor Weir to be a deputy).

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 June 2017 be approved and adopted.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

5. **LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Warwick announced that the group of travellers who had parked at South Winchester Park and Ride over the previous weekend had been served with a notice to quit and had now moved on. She thanked the relevant officers for responding quickly and ensuring that disruption was minimised over the Hat Fair weekend.

Councillor Griffiths announced that the bus station would close on 10 July 2017 for a period of approximately eight weeks to allow various improvement works to take place. Buses would be temporary located on The Broadway and full details were being made available on the Council's website, via social media and leaflets. In addition, Stagecoach would make additional staff available on the Broadway to assist with any queries. She thanked City and Council Officers, together with Stagecoach, for making the necessary arrangements and publicity within a short timeframe.

Councillor Horrill thanked everyone who had attended the Central Winchester Regeneration Informal Policy Group (IPG) meeting on 4 July 2017 and noted that the vision for the area presented by JTP architects and master planners had been well received. She also welcomed the comments and questions made at the meeting which would be considered further by a future meeting of the IPG.

6. **GENERAL FUND OUTTURN 2016/17**

(Report CAB2938 refers)

Councillor Ashton stated that the Report proposed to use the surplus in the following three areas: Improvement and Efficiency Plans (additional short term staffing resources to support delivery of objectives under the Council Strategy); Car Park Property Reserve; contribution to the County Council's Transportation Movement Study. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered the proposals at its meeting on 19 June 2017 (Report OS168 refers) and had raised a number of queries, which had been answered at the meeting. In addition, Paragraph 10.18 of the Report provided further information requested regarding the breakdown of 'Financing and IAS19 Adjustments'. In general, Councillor Ashton welcomed the useful input of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to the matter being considered at Cabinet.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Prince queried why there was a significant difference between the figures quoted in the February 2017 forecast and the actual outturn for 'Financing and IAS19 Adjustments' as set out in Appendix A of the Report? He also noted there were similar large differences between forecast and actual in a number of other items and expressed concern as to whether appropriate monitoring was being undertaken.

In response, Councillor Ashton drew attention to Paragraph 10.18 of the Report which, as previously stated, addressed this point. He explained that in general, differences were due to accounting timing matters. He highlighted that he would be investigating whether the information presentation could be improved in future years in order to minimise any potential confusion.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report. For the reasons stated above, Councillor Humby did not vote on Recommendation 2.

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT THE REVENUE BUDGET RE-FORECASTS (AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX C AND D OF REPORT CAB2938), AND THE CAPITAL BUDGET RE-FORECASTS (AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX I OF THE REPORT) BE AGREED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCE PROCEDURE RULE 7.9.

2. A CAPITAL BUDGET OF £720,000 FOR THE DURNGATE FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME BE AGREED, UNDER FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7.2

RESOLVED:

1. That the General Fund Revenue Outturn and Capital Programme Outturn be noted, as set out in the Report.
2. That the transfers to/from the Major Investment Reserve and other earmarked reserves be agreed and the reserves and closing balances at 31 March 2017 be noted (as set out in Appendix C of the Report).
3. That under Financial Procedure Rule 6.4 authority be given to incur capital expenditure of up to £720,000 on the Durngate Flood Prevention Scheme.

7. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO DURNGATE FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME WINCHESTER**
(Report CAB2940 refers)

Councillor Brook stated that a Report setting out proposals for programmed expenditure of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds would be considered by Cabinet in September. However, it was proposed to bring forward the proposals for the Durngate Flood Defence Scheme in advance, as set out in this Report. Consultation had been undertaken on the proposals as part of the wider flood alleviation schemes in this part of the city and she confirmed it could be carried out within permitted development rights.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Porter and Pearson addressed Cabinet and their comments are summarised below.

Councillor Porter welcomed the proposals to increase the flood defence measures for the benefit of Winchester residents and businesses and noted the potential benefits to the proposals for the Central Winchester Regeneration area. However, she expressed concern that there would be sufficient CIL monies remaining to finance other flooding prevention schemes across the District.

Councillor Pearson highlighted that there had been three phases of the work to date: North Walls; Water Lane; with the third phase being the proposals contained in the Report. He welcomed the proposals but emphasised the ongoing difficulties around the capacity of City Mill to deal with additional water flow. He therefore suggested a further phase would be required to investigate a flood capture area in Winnall Moors. He also queried whether there would be sufficient CIL funds remaining to spend on flooding prevention in the wider District.

Councillor Brook noted the comments regarding City Mill and agreed to request that this was considered further by the County Council's Engineering Consultancy Team. The Corporate Director (Service Delivery) emphasised that the proposals would not result in any additional water being redirected through City Mill but acknowledged that there was currently difficulties with capacity.

Councillor Brook confirmed that CIL monies were remaining for flood prevention works across the District but that the Durngate works had been considered as a priority. There was no time limit for expenditure of CIL monies collected.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report. For the reasons stated above, Councillor Humby did not vote.

RESOLVED:

1. That £300,000 of the City Council's General Fund share of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) be allocated to the second phase of the North Winchester Flood Alleviation scheme (Durngate flood protection works).

2. That Hampshire County Council's Engineering Consultancy team design, procure and supervise the scheme's delivery.

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT FOR 2016/17**
(Report CAB2939 refers)

Councillor Ashton stated that the Report had been considered at both The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee. Cabinet welcomed the improved rate of return on Council investments in 2016/17 from the previous financial year.

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

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Treasury Outturn Report 2016/17 and the actual Prudential Indicators provided at Appendix A of the Report be approved.

9. **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME REVIEW**
(Report CAB2946 refers)

Councillor Ashton highlighted that the Report was not proposing any significant changes to the Scheme. Members welcomed the scheme and in particular that it also offered assistance to those in employment (up to earnings of £75 per week).

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the scheme be renamed 'Council Tax Support' and the changes to simplify the administration of the scheme be agreed.
2. That no changes be made to the qualifying criteria of the scheme (with the result that applicants would receive the same level of support but scheme would be easier to access and administer).

10. TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – APPROVAL OF DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

(Report CAB2947(LP) refers)

Councillor Brook stated that the Report had been considered by the Cabinet (Local Plan) Committee on 30 June 2017 which had approved the Recommendations, with an additional Recommendation regarding the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment as set out in Resolution 6 below. In addition, it had been agreed that the consultation period for Parish Councils be extended if required to note that Parish Councils often did not meeting during August.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Porter addressed Cabinet and in summary expressed some concern that about the amount and length of public consultation potentially causing confusion. In addition, some sites had originally been included, only to be rejected as the process progressed. She highlighted the importance of the matter to rural communities and suggested that information on the Council's website should be clearer.

Councillor Brook clarified that the consultation would not commence until 10 July 2017 and information would be provided on the Council's Internet pages by this time. The Head of Strategic Planning advised that the consultation to date had followed a logical process. It had been necessary to include all possible sites in the assessment process, even if some were later rejected.

With the exception of Councillor Miller who, for reasons stated above, was not present in the room during debate or decision on this item, Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That consultation on the draft Traveller Development Plan Document as set out at Appendix C to the Report be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Head of Strategic Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, to undertake minor updating and drafting amendments as required to the draft Traveller DPD, prior to publication for consultation and to agree the final consultation arrangements.

3. That the requirement for additional resources to ensure the effective implementation of the proposed DPD be noted and detailed proposals brought forward for consideration to a future meeting.

4. That it be noted that no land and buildings currently owned by Winchester City Council are available for further consideration for traveller site purposes, as all are required for operational purposes.

5. That the Assistant Director (Estates and Regeneration) be instructed to advise further on the option of acquiring land for the purpose of providing a site for traveller occupation within the District.

6. That the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment be noted (as set out as Appendix B to the Report).

11. **CONTINUED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS IN THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK**
(Report CAB2948 refers)

The Assistant Director (Environment) advised that the proposals were a good example of collaborative working and the offer was an endorsement of the work of the Council's Development Management Team over the previous six years of the arrangement. Cabinet Members concurred with these statements.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to enter into a new agreement for the delivery of development management services (including planning enforcement) on behalf of the South Downs National Park Authority for a period of 3 years from October 2017, with provision to extend the agreement for a further period of 2 years (subject to the agreement of both parties on the total funding proposal at that time).

2. That the Assistant Director Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Built Environment, be authorised to agree the detailed payment and operational arrangements with the South Downs National Park Authority which should include a notice period for the termination of the service by the City Council within the first 3 years of the agreement and any extension to the agreement for a maximum of 2 further years.

12. **STREET COLLECTIONS POLICY – COMMENTS FOLLOWING MEMBER CONSULTATION**
(Report LR497 refers)
13. **EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD 15 JUNE 2017**
(Report CAB2950 refers)

Councillor Warwick reported that Report LR497 had been considered by the Licensing and Regulation Committee at its meeting on 15 June 2017 and their comments and requested amendment was set out in the minute extract (Report CAB2950 refers). The proposed Policy sought to formally adopt current practices and strike a balance between the requirements of charities and those of the general public.

One Member queried what enforcement of the new Policy would be carried out. As Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Community Safety, Councillor Griffiths stated she would raise this query with the relevant Team.

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

RESOLVED:

That the Draft Street Collection Policy be approved, as attached as Appendix 1 to Report LR497, subject to the amendment to Paragraph 1.18 (as detailed in Report CAB2950).

14. **MINUTES OF THE CABINET (LEISURE CENTRE) COMMITTEE HELD 12 JUNE 2017**
(Report CAB2949 refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet (Leisure Centre) Committee held 12 June 2017 be received.

15. **FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

RESOLVED:

That the list of future items, as set out in the Forward Plan for August 2017, be noted.

The meeting commenced at 4.30pm and concluded at 5.50pm

Chairman