

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on
Thursday, 28 June 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Bridget Smith (Leader of Council)
Councillor Aiden Van de Weyer (Deputy Leader)

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| Councillors: | Neil Gough | Environmental Services and Licensing Portfolio Holder |
| | Philippa Hart | Customer Services and Business Improvement Portfolio Holder |
| | Dr. Tumi Hawkins | Planning Portfolio Holder |
| | Hazel Smith | Housing Portfolio Holder |
| | John Williams | Finance |

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

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| Beverly Agass | Chief Executive |
| Alex Colyer | Executive Director |
| Mike Hill | Health and Environmental Services Director |
| Stephen Hills | Director of Housing |
| Rory McKenna | Deputy Head of Legal Practice |

Councillors Anna Bradnam, Sue Ellington, Brian Milnes, Peter Topping and Nick Wright were in attendance, by invitation.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no Apologies for Absence.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cabinet authorised the Leader to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2018.

Cabinet members endorsed Councillor Hazel Smith's comment that comments made by specific Members should, where appropriate, be attributed to those Members by name.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

6. 2017-18 YEAR END POSITION STATEMENT: PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE

Cabinet considered a report relating to

- A provisional 2017-18 outturn position statement on General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital expenditure, including

- requests for budget rollovers from 2017-18 to 2018-19;
- Statements on the 2017-18 year-end position with regard to the Council's corporate objectives and performance indicators, and
- The Strategic Risk Register

After the Executive Director had highlighted the main points in the report, including the fact that South Cambridgeshire District Council was, for the period covered, the third best Authority in England in terms of the Council Tax collection Performance Indicator. Councillor Brian Milnes, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Vice-Chairman, reported on that Committee's pre-scrutiny deliberations.

The Leader wondered how much of the underspent budget was due to staff vacancies. In reply, the Executive Director said that, while individual instances were highlighted in the report, there was currently no aggregate figure referred to. Councillor John Williams, Finance Portfolio Holder, pointed out that the report should simply be noted as it related to a period presided over by the previous Administration.

Councillor Sue Ellington raised the issue of staff health and wellbeing specifically within the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service. Both the Director of Health and Environmental Services and Councillor Neil Gough, Environmental Services Portfolio Holder, recognised the challenge, and pointed to an improving situation. The Leader wondered whether an incentive scheme could be introduced with a view to enhancing employees' quality of life.

Councillor Ellington instigated a wide-ranging discussion about the provision of ICT services to Councillors.

Following further comments about the report,

Cabinet

- (a) **Noted** the Council's provisional financial outturn position, together with the overview of Corporate Plan 2017-2022 achievements and performance against key performance indicators set out in the report and appendices A-E attached;
- (b) **Approved** budget rollovers totalling £83,555 on General Fund revenue budgets, £382,839 on HRA Revenue budgets and £3,303,383 on the Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendices E(1) General Fund Revenue, E(2) HRA Revenue and E(3) Capital, to be carried forward into the 2018-19 financial year, and
- (c) **Noted** the Strategic Risk Register at Appendix F attached to the report.

7. **CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (CDRP) PLAN AND LOCAL POLICING REVIEW**

Cabinet **received and noted** a report on the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Priorities and draft Action Plan for 2018-19 and the proposals for the Police Southern Neighbourhood Team following the Local Policing Review.

Councillor John Williams suggested that the list of vulnerable people living in South Cambridgeshire shown in Priority 1 should be expanded to include those affected by drug abuse. He also proposed that sponsorship (of locks for example) could be one way of tackling burglary throughout the District.

Those present discussed a number of issues raised in the report, including rural crime.

8. **SHARED SERVICES ANNUAL REPORTS**

Cabinet **received and noted** the Annual Reports of the services currently delivered in partnership with Cambridge City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council.

The Leader asked that future reports be more consistent with each other in terms of format and content.

The Leader agreed with Councillor Peter Topping that Cabinet should consider the branding of Greater Cambridge Shared Services in order to avoid giving the impression that they are provided by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. Councillor Brian Milnes added that the Scrutiny and Overview Committee might also like to be part of this review.

9. **CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN - PRELIMINARY DRAFT CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Cabinet considered a report that had been intended to seek its agreement to submit a response to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: *Preliminary Draft Consultation*, in accordance with the points discussed in said report.

Members noted that the report had already been considered by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and that, because of stringent time constraints, a decision had already been made by the Deputy Leader, and South Cambridgeshire District Council's formal response had already been submitted. Permission had been obtained from the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee that this decision be treated as a matter of urgency and exempt from Rule 12.18/12.19 of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules. This meant that it could not be called-in and could therefore be implemented immediately.

Cabinet **endorsed** the decision taken by the Deputy Leader and published on 26 June 2018 on the response to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan: *Preliminary Draft Consultation* that was consistent with the views set out in the report.

10. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Cabinet noted the dates of future meetings, as detailed in the agenda.

**The Meeting ended at 10.40
a.m.**
