



CABINET



17th NOVEMBER 2021

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

Publication Date of this Notice: - Thursday, 18th November 2021.

Deadline Date for Call-in of any decision: - 8.45 a.m. Thursday, 25th November 2021 up to that deadline the Proper Officer Interim Chief Executive shall call-in a decision for scrutiny (except for matters of urgent business and decisions for Council) if so, requested by the Chairman or any three Members of the Scrutiny Committee. If there is no call-in the decision will come into force on that deadline.

PART I **(Business taken in public)**

Agenda Item 2 (Minute No. 42) – Members' Interests:

No declarations were made.

Agenda Item 3 (Minute No. 43) – Minutes

Subject to a correction to record the memorial to the late Sir David Amess MP at the opening of the meeting the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20.10.2021 were approved as a correct record.

Agenda Item 4 (Minute No. 44) – Forward Plan

To comply with regulations under the Localism Act 2011, the Leader presented a revised Forward Plan to the meeting which outlined key decisions likely to be taken within the next quarter of 2020. The Plan was reviewed each month.

Cabinet noted the addition of two reports to be brought to the next Cabinet meeting regarding South Essex Parking Partnership and the Migration of Local Land charges Register to HM Land Registry.

Resolved – To note and approve the Forward Plan as amended.

Agenda Item 5 (Minute No. 45) – Welcome Back Fund

Cabinet considered a report seeking endorsement from the Cabinet on the Welcome Back Fund programme, that will support the promotion of the Borough's town centres and businesses as they recover from the covid-19 crisis.

Resolved -

1. To note the welcome Back Fund programme.
2. To endorse the branding approach for the town centres.

Agenda Item 6 (Minute No. 46) – Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Scheme for 2022/23

Cabinet considered a report providing an update to Cabinet in respect of the Proposed Local Council Tax Support scheme for 2022/23.

Resolved:

1. To note the information summarised in Section 5 of this report and the information detailed in Appendices A, B, and C.
2. To recommend to Council that there are no changes to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23.

Agenda Item 7 (Minute No. 47) – Disabled Facilities Grants Update and Policy Review

Cabinet considered a report updating Cabinet on the present status of the Disabled Facilities Grants delivered by Environmental Health Services. Cabinet were also requested to approve an amendment to the Council's Disabled Facility Grant policy (DFG policy), to allow additional flexibility in the allocation of discretionary grants to ensure that cases can be processed with the maximum efficiency, to the benefit of customers that we work with.

Resolved -

1. To note the contents of the report and seek further updates from the Head of Environment on a periodic basis.
2. To approve an amendment to the Council's existing DFG policy to allow for an additional type of discretionary grant (Means Test Contribution Assistance) to be offered, for the benefit of disabled persons in need of additional financial help.

Agenda Item 8 (Minute No. 48) – Public Spaces Protection Order

Cabinet considered a report seeking agreement to a proposed approach to dealing with certain behaviours identified in the report and whether the Council should commence a statutory consultation on the making of a Public Spaces Protection order (PSPO) under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('the 2014 Act').

The purpose of the PSPO would be to assist the Council and its partners to provide an appropriate and robust response to the behaviours taking place in and around the area of Roscommon Way, Canvey Island, that existing enforcement powers have been unable to resolve.

Resolved:

1. That consultation be undertaken into the possibility of the Council making a PSPO under Section 59 of the 2014 Act in respect of the area shown in Appendix 1(attached to Appendix 2) and activities detailed in Appendix 2
2. That the response and findings of the consultation be reported to the Place and Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee to analyse the response and report to Cabinet with

recommendations on the proposed response and the implication of any next steps to be taken.

Agenda Item 9 (Minute No. 49) – Corporate Performance Scorecard Quarter 2 2021/22

Cabinet considered a report setting out the performance figures for the Corporate Performance Scorecard for quarter 2 2021/22.

Resolved – To notes the report and continue to monitor performance

Agenda Item 10 (Minute No. 50) – Financial Update

Cabinet considered a report: Providing Cabinet with the latest 2021/22 forecast in respect of the General Fund (GF); Updating Cabinet on developments of a financial nature, which may impact on the Council's financial plans in respect of either the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) or Capital Programme; Updating Cabinet on developments in relation to the impacts of Covid-19 on the Council and the assistance received from Government.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet note the report and the 2021/22 financial forecast at Appendix 1.
2. That Cabinet note and agree the changes to the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme at appendix 2 (paragraph 6.2 below).
3. That Cabinet approve the additional budget of £88k in respect of the Labworth Car Park project, funded from General fund reserves (paragraph 6.5 below).

Agenda Item 11 (Minute No. 51) – Matters referred from / to Policy & Scrutiny Committees:

Item 8 (Minute 48) Public Spaces Protection Order the response and findings of the consultation be reported to the Place and Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee to analyse the response and report to Cabinet with recommendations on the proposed response and the implication of any next steps to be taken

Agenda Item 12 (Minute No. 52) - Matters to be referred from / to the Standing Committees:

There were no matters.

CONSULTATION

Item 8 (Minute 48) Public Spaces Protection Order consultation is to be undertaken the response and findings of the consultation to be reported to the Place and Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee.

Andrew Grant
Interim Chief Executive