



## CABINET



**22ND SEPTEMBER 2021**

### NOTICE OF DECISIONS

**Publication Date of this Notice:** - Thursday, 23rd September 2021.

**Deadline Date for Call-in of any decision:** - 8.45 a.m. Thursday, 30th July 2021 up to that deadline the Proper Officer 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. (During the current public health emergency standard practice for any urgent business item will be applied to a request for Call In.) 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. 20) – Members' Interests:**  
No declarations were made.

**Agenda Item 3 (Minute No. 21) – Minutes**  
The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21.7.2021 were approved as a correct record.

**Agenda Item 4 (Minute No. 22) – 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.

**Resolved –** To note and approve the Forward Plan.

**Agenda Item 5 (Minute No. 23) – Corporate Performance Scorecard Quarter 1 2021/22**  
Cabinet considered the performance figures for the Corporate Performance Scorecard for Quarter 1 2021/22.

**Resolved -** to note the report and continue to monitor performance.

**Agenda Item 6 (Minute No. 24) – Corporate Plan 2021 - 24**  
Cabinet received a report presenting the draft Corporate Plan for approval.

**Resolved –** to recommend the Corporate Plan to Council for approval

### **Agenda Item 7 (Minute No. 25) – Financial Update**

Cabinet considered a report providing an update on the latest 2021/22 forecast in respect of the General Fund (GF); 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 and an update on developments in relation to the impacts of COVID-19 on the Council and the assistance received from Government.

#### **Resolved:**

To note the report and 2021/22 financial forecast at Appendix 1.

### **Agenda Item 8 (Minute No. 26) – Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) Update and Appointment of a Joint Committee**

Cabinet considered the report from ASELA providing an update on work being undertaken and considered the future governance arrangements for the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) seeking agreement to move to a statutory Joint Committee.

Cabinet considered the reasons for the recommendation to provide ASELA with the governance arrangements required to enable delivery of the Growth and Recovery Prospectus and provide enhanced transparency and accountability in the new delivery stage of its work programme.

Cabinet considered alternative options to do nothing was not recommended continuing with the existing informal arrangements did not support ASELA's ability to secure large scale investment from Government and the private sector. Nor did it provide transparency of decision making or accountability for delivery.

The option of being a co-opted member would mean that the Council would not benefit from any of the programmes funding or investment.

#### **Resolved:**

1. To note the updates provided in this report.
2. To formally agree to become a Member of the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) Joint Committee in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, to oversee ASELA and provide enhanced transparency and accountability in the new delivery stage of its work programmes.
3. To approve the governance arrangements of the Joint Committee in accordance with governing documents set out in Appendix 1.
4. To appoint the Leader of the Council as the Council's representative on the Joint Committee, and to appoint the Deputy Leader as the Substitute Member, as set out in the governing documents.

**Agenda Item 9 (Minute No. 27) – Petition**

Cabinet considered a report on receipt of a petition and to consider the response or action required. The Petition was addressed to Government and concerned a local political party.

Cabinet noted the actions which been taken to address in full the recommendations of the Planning Peer Review referred to in the Petition.

**Resolved –**

to refer the Petition to Government together with a note of the actions taken by Council.

**Agenda Item 10 (Minute No. 28) – Matters referred from / to Policy & Scrutiny Committees:**

There were no matters.

**Agenda Item 11 (Minute No. 29) - Matters to be referred from / to the Standing Committees:**

There were no matters.

**CONSULTATION Agenda Item 8 (Minute No. 26) – Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) Update and Appointment of a Joint Committee**

Presentations havd been made to all Political Groups on the Council in advance of the report providing an update on the work undertaken by ASELA and the proposal to formalise the governance arrangements for ASELA and seek agreement to move to a statutory committee.

**Ann Horgan**  
**Proper Officer**