

MINUTES OF CABINET

9 NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Poole, Ms Robbins, Roberts and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillors Bearne, Brader, Cranham, Douglas, Gillias, Keeling, Roodhouse and Srivastava were also in attendance.

35. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020 were approved.

36. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Mrs O'Rourke.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

38. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Growth and Investment Portfolio

39. DRAFT HOUSING NEEDS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) 2020 – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning proposed public consultation on the Council's draft Housing Needs Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

RESOLVED THAT -

(1) the Draft Housing Needs Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) be approved for a six-week public consultation; and

(2) delegated authority be given to the Head of Growth and Investment to make any non-material amendments necessary.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

40. RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE 'PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE (PFTF)' WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Council's response to the government consultation on the 'Planning for the Future' White Paper.

RESOLVED THAT - the response to the consultation on the PFTF White Paper set out in Appendix 1 be endorsed.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

41. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2020/21 – QUARTER 2

Cabinet considered the report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning the Council's anticipated 2020/21 financial and performance position based on data as at 30 September 2020, together with proposed budget adjustments.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) the Council's anticipated financial position for 2020/21 be noted;
- (2) performance summary and performance data included in Section 7 and Appendix 3 be noted;
- (3) a supplementary general fund capital budget of £0.032m for 2021/22 for the Corporate Asset Management scheme to be funded from borrowing as detailed in section 6 be approved; and
- (4) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -
 - (a) the virement to transfer £0.073m from centrally held budget set aside for Salary pay award to Services as detailed in section 6 be approved;
 - (b) a supplementary general fund budget for the consultancy costs incurred for the development of the 'Town Centre Spatial Strategy'. A total of £0.135m funded from the Town Centre Improvement Reserve as detailed in section 6 be approved;
 - (c) a supplementary general fund budget for 'Reopening of the High Streets Safety Fund' of £0.096m financed from Grant, as detailed in section 6 be approved.

Items considered en bloc

42. CIVIC HONOURS – AMENDMENT TO CRITERIA

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning a proposed amendment to the Council's criteria for civic honours.

RESOLVED THAT - the amended criteria for civic honours, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

43. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning miscellaneous appointments to the Trustees of Hillmorton Charities and Lawrence Sheriff Almshouses.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) Mr Walter Goodman be re-appointed to the Trustees of Hillmorton Charities for a further four-year term of office;
- (2) Councillor Mrs Roodhouse be re-appointed to the Trustees of Lawrence Sheriff Almshouses for a further three-year term of office; and
- (3) Mrs C A Avis be re-appointed to the Trustees of Lawrence Sheriff Almshouses for a further three-year term of office.

44. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

45. ROUNDS GARDENS: ACQUISITION OF LAND INTERESTS BY COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

Cabinet considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning the acquisition of land interests at Rounds Gardens by Compulsory Purchase Order.

RESOLVED THAT -

- (1) delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer to take all necessary actions for the preparation of a Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 for the purchase of the remaining land interest at Rounds Gardens to enable the expedient and efficient redevelopment of the site; and
- (2) a further report be produced to seek full authority to the making of the CPO if voluntary negotiations to acquire all the interests in the site are not successful as detailed within the report.

Communities and Homes Portfolio

46. FUTURE PLANS FOR THE TRAILBLAZING PROJECT

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning future proposals for the Trailblazing project.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT –

- (1) the continuation of the p.h.i.l. project for a further 15 months in partnership with other local authorities (option 1) be approved; and
- (2) a supplementary budget of £31,384 (2020/21: £7,846 2021/22: £23,538) be approved for Rugby Borough Council's net contribution to the scheme to be met from the Welfare Reserve Fund.

Item considered en bloc

47. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Interim Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 3) concerning write offs.

RESOLVED THAT – the schedule of write offs, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

CHAIRMAN