

THE CABINET
23RD NOVEMBER 2015

Present: Councillors:

Ray Dawe	Leader
Jonathan Chowen	Leisure and Culture
Philip Circus	Housing and Public Protection
Roy Cornell	Waste, Recycling and Cleansing
Brian Donnelly	Finance and Assets
Gordon Lindsay	Local Economy
Kate Rowbottom	Community and Wellbeing

Apologies: Claire Vickers Planning and Development

Also present: Councillors: Matthew French, Nigel Jupp, Christian Mitchell, Jim Sanson, David Skipp

EX/24 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 17th September 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

EX/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

EX/26 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

EX/27 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received.

REPORT BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE AND CULTURE

EX/28 **Proposals for the Redevelopment of Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre**

One member of the public spoke in support of the proposals.

The Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture presented the report proposing the Redevelopment of Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre. The report recommended a way forward for the future provision of “dry-side” sports and leisure facilities in the District. It reinforced the importance of the facility to meet the needs of the population and would grow during the term of the Horsham District Planning Framework.

EX/28 Proposals for the Redevelopment of Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre (cont.)

If the proposed scheme was agreed, it was anticipated that construction would start in the Autumn of 2016, with the centre due to open in 2018.

The Leader thanked the Cabinet Member for the report and his work on this project.

The Cabinet supported the proposals.

The local Councillor for Broadbridge Heath spoke in support of the proposals.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- i) To agree to proceed with the construction of a new facility to replace the existing Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre as per Option 3 detailed in this report.
- ii) Subject to i) to supplement the current capital budget of £7.4m in the Council's capital programme for the rebuilding of the Leisure Centre by £4.9m ensuring that the total budget for the project is £12.3m.
- iii) Subject to i) to agree that the revenue implications of Option 3, as identified in section 7.8, averaging at an additional cost of £255k per annum over a 25 year period is added to the Council's revenue expenditure budget; and to note the impact on the Council's projected budget deficit.
- iv) Subject to i) to agree to utilise £2m of New Homes Bonus to fund the project.

REASON

- i) To address the need for increased leisure and sporting provision as a consequence of a growing population
- ii) To ensure there is a sufficient capital budget to meet the build requirement.
- iii) To ensure that that there is sufficient revenue budget to meet the costs of the new leisure centre.
- iv) To ensure approval is given to utilise New Homes Bonus.

REPORT BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING

EX/29 **Safeguarding Policy**

The Cabinet Member for Community and Wellbeing presented the report on the Council's Safeguarding Policy. The report proposed the adoption of a revised and updated Policy to reflect new legislative requirements and updates. The Council had a statutory duty to make arrangements to ensure that in discharging its functions it had regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.

Updated Safeguarding Contact Cards would be circulated to all Councillors.

The Cabinet supported the adoption of the Safeguarding Policy.

RESOLVED

That the Safeguarding Policy be adopted.

REASON

To comply with the Council's statutory duties under the Children Act 2000, Care Act 2014 and Modern Slavery Act 2015.

REPORT BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE, RECYCLING AND CLEANSING

EX/30 **Green Waste Charges**

The Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Cleansing presented the report on the Proposal to Increase Fees for the Green Waste Collection Service. The report proposed an increase in the Green Waste subscription charge which was made under the Garden Waste collection service. Revenue generated from this service would contribute to resolving the budget deficit.

The Cabinet noted the neighbouring council green waste charges and supported the proposed increase in order to contribute to the deficit but continue to provide an efficient service whilst maintaining good value for money.

The Cabinet supported the proposals.

EX/30 Green Waste Charges (cont.)

RESOLVED

- i) Agree to the increase in Green Waste collection charges to take effect from 1st April 2016. The first bin collection at £37.50 per annum (if paid via the contact centre or post) or discounted to £35 per annum (if paid by on-line payment/Direct Debit).
- ii) Agree that the fee for additional green waste wheelie bin collections is increased from £15 to £20 per additional bin.
- iii) Delegate authority to the Director of Community Services to make any consequential amendments to the Green Waste Terms and Conditions.
- iv) Note that the proposed changes will result in approximately £210,000 additional revenue for the 2016/17 financial year.

REASON

- i) In line with the existing Green Waste Terms of Reference, the service is subject to an annual price review. Since the schemes introduction in June 2013 the charges have not increased..
- ii) Additional green waste bins collected from properties are subject to an annual price review
- iii) The current Terms and Conditions of the service will need to be amended to reflect the new charges.
- iv) Due to the improved revenue position from the scheme to amend the 2016/17 budget for the service accordingly.

EX/31 **SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE – MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET**

There were no matters currently outstanding for consideration.

EX/32 **MATTERS OF SPECIAL URGENCY**

There were no matters of special urgency to be considered.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm having commenced at 5.30 pm.

LEADER