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Council 25 JULY 2019

Present: Councillors: Kate Rowbottom (Chairman), Karen Burgess (Vice-Chairman), Matthew Allen, Andrew Baldwin, Tony Bevis, Toni Bradnum, Alan Britten, Peter Burgess, Philip Circus, Paul Clarke, Ray Dawe (Leader), Brian Donnelly, Ruth Fletcher, Frances Haigh, Nigel Jupp, Liz Kitchen, Lynn Lambert, Richard Landeryou, Gordon Lindsay, Paul Marshall, Godfrey Newman, Roger Noel, Josh Potts, Jack Saheid, Jim Sanson, David Skipp, Claire Vickers and Tricia Youtan

Apologies: Councillors: John Blackall, Chris Brown, Jonathan Chowen, Roy Cornell, Christine Costin, Michael Croker, Leonard Crosbie, Billy Greening, Tony Hogben, Tim Lloyd, John Milne, Colin Minto, Christian Mitchell, Bob Platt, Louise Potter, Stuart Ritchie, Ian Stannard, Diana van der Klugt and Belinda Walters

Absent: Councillors: Mike Morgan

CO/23 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

CO/24 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that she had attended a number of concerts and would be meeting the Duke of Gloucester on the 26th July. She went on to say that she had also attended the start of the annual Riverside Walk, organised by the Horsham Town Community Partnership. Three hundred and twenty people had been involved.

The Cabinet Member for Horsham Town announced that the fountains in the Forum had been turned off as the filters had been clogged with sun cream and other detritus. It had been built as a fountain and not as a splash pool. The hot weather had meant that it had been used by children of all ages, and the filters were not designed to deal with this level of use. It was turned off as it had become a health hazard. It could be improved with a new filtration system, which would cost over £100k.

CO/25 **EXPLORE THE MARKET TOWNS: GO DIGITAL (RURAL CAR PARKS DIGITAL SIGNAGE)**

The Cabinet Member for Local Economy and Parking reported that the Horsham District Visitor Economy Strategy 2017 highlighted that although there was much on offer in the District, there was a lack of coherent and comprehensive information about how to access the tourism offer for the casual visitor. The digital 'Kiosks' will allow for the efficient central management and

consistent high quality presentation of all information in an easily accessible format using a web based editing platform.

Current visitor information across the rural car parks was out of date or in a state of disrepair. A rural development grant application was made in 2018 and funding approved totalling a grant of £53,278 to provide interactive tourist digital kiosks. The estimated overall cost of the signage is £112,664. Match funding by way of a supplementary capital budget of £59,386 is required to fully deliver the project. Approval for a supplementary capital budget that had not been included in the capital programme of £112,664. The motion was seconded by Councillor Karen Burgess.

RESOLVED

That the recommendation from Cabinet that a supplementary capital budget of £112,664 be approved for the project.

CO/26 **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS' POLICY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP**

The Leader stated that Council approve the appointment of the following Members to the Horsham Town PDAG: Councillors Christine Costin, David Skipp, Frances Haigh and John Milne.

RESOLVED

That Councillors Christine Costin, David Skipp, Frances Haigh and John Milne be appointed to the Horsham Town PDAG.

CO/27 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 6.41 pm having commenced at 6.30 pm

CHAIRMAN