

MINUTES OF CABINET

6 JANUARY 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors Poole (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Mrs Crane, Roberts, Ms Robbins and Mrs Simpson-Vince.

Councillors Mrs Brown, Douglas, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Mistry, Mrs O'Rourke, Roodhouse and Sandison were also in attendance.

66. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

67. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Lowe.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7 of Part 1 – Community Grants 2020/21 and Proposed Allocation of Community Grants Underspend from 2019/20 – Councillors Mrs Brown and Mrs O'Rourke (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being Board Members of Overslade Community Association.)

69. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Corporate Resources Portfolio

70. DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2020/21 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2020-24

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning the Council's updated overview of the Council's General Fund revenue and capital budgets for 2020/21.

RESOLVED THAT -

(1) the updated draft General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget position for 2020/21 be noted alongside the Council's 2020-24 Medium-Term Financial Plan;

(2) Cabinet considers the key decisions identified to date and identifies other policy or service changes required for consideration; and

(3) the town centre improvement fund contribution be used in order to continue the trial of the free evening and weekend town centre car parking for a further 12 months.

71. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2020/2021

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer and Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/2020 be adopted as the Council's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/2021.

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

Communities and Homes Portfolio

72. COMMUNITY GRANTS 2020/21 AND PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY GRANTS UNDERSPEND FROM 2019/20

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning proposals for one-off community grant payments for 2020/21 and the allocation of the underspend for 2019/20.

RESOLVED THAT -

(1) the proposals related to the Council's funding of one-off community grants, as identified in table 1, be endorsed for implementation in 2020/21, subject to budget setting; and

(2) the £17,581.70 underspend for 2019/20, be brought forward for allocation in addition to the community grants funding made available in 2020/21.

73. RENT ARREARS POLICY

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning the Council's rent arrears policy.

RESOLVED THAT – the Rent Arrears Policy, as set out at Appendix B to the report, be adopted.

Environment and Public Realm Portfolio

74. WASTE, RECYCLING AND STREET CLEANSING POLICIES STATEMENTS

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm (Part 1 - agenda item 9) concerning waste, recycling and street cleansing policies statements for the Council.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing Policies Statements (as set out in Appendix 1) be adopted.

Items considered en bloc

75. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2020/21

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning the Council Tax Base for 202/21.

RESOLVED THAT – the Tax Base be approved.

76. 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

77. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2020/2021

Cabinet considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning the election of Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2020/21.

RESOLVED THAT - IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT subject to the councillors concerned continuing to be Members of the Borough Council in that year,

- (a) Councillor Mrs D Roberts be nominated for election as Mayor for 2020/21;
- and
- (b) Councillor Cade be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2020/21.

Item considered en bloc

78. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the private report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning write offs.

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

CHAIRMAN