

# THE CABINET

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Luttrell Room, County Hall, Taunton, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 10am.

## PRESENT

Cllr D Fothergill (in the Chair)

Cllr A Groskop  
Cllr D Hall  
Cllr D Huxtable  
Cllr C Lawrence  
Cllr F Nicholson  
Cllr J Woodman

Junior Cabinet members:  
Cllr C Aparicio Paul  
Cllr F Purbrick  
Cllr Fraschini  
Cllr G Verdon

**Other Members present:** Cllr M Chilcott, Cllr S Coles, Cllr H Davies, Cllr L Leyson, Cllr J Lock, Cllr T Lock, Cllr T Munt, Cllr G Noel, Cllr H Prior-Sankey, Cllr M Pullin, Cllr L Redman, Cllr B Revans, Cllr N Taylor, Cllr W Wallace, Cllr A Wedderkopp

**Apologies for absence:** None

### 21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – agenda item 2

Members of the Cabinet declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a District, City/Town or Parish Council:

Cllr A Groskop	South Somerset District Council
Cllr J Woodman	Sedgemoor District Council

Junior Cabinet Members declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a District, City/Town or Parish Council:

Cllr C Aparicio Paul	South Somerset District Council
Cllr F Purbrick	Yeovil Town Council

### 22 **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE CABINET HELD ON 10 JULY 2017** - agenda item 3

The Cabinet agreed the minutes and the Chairman signed these as a correct record of the proceedings.

### 23 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (PQT)** – agenda item 4

There were no public questions.

The Chairman noted that one Member question had been submitted by Cllr Josh Williams, and that this would be considered under the relevant agenda item.

**SOMSESET: OUR COUNTY – JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) SUMMARY 2017 – AGEING WELL - agenda item 5**

The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, Cllr Christine Lawrence, introduced the report highlighting the focus on ageing well and noting that she was delighted this item was being brought to the Cabinet today.

The Director of Public Health and the JSNA Project Manager informed members that: the JSNA was first produced in 2007, and became a Health and Wellbeing board responsibility in 2012; this year the JSNA has focused on ageing well; and the importance of both quantitative and qualitative data.

The Director of Public Health further highlighted: the gap between life expectancy and healthy life expectancy was widening in Somerset; Somerset's self-reported good health was above the national average; the relationship between long-term conditions and cost; tobacco is the most notable cause of preventable diseases; recognising the work of carers; and the importance of community support in reducing isolation.

The Director of Adult Social Care informed members of a shift in the support provided to Somerset's residents, highlighting that taking control of an individual's support creates dependency.

Further points raised in the debate included: the importance of maintaining independence; engaging with partners regarding transport and housing, and related funding; community support in urban areas; how older people can engage with younger people; the work of the Memory Café; the importance of empowering communities; bus provision in rural areas; how contact with an individual can be used to communicate information regarding other services; Field House Trust funding; the Independent Age Charity website; placements away from an individual's home community; looking for best practice and ensuring this is shared; and support for carers.

In response to the points raised in debate, the Director of Adult Social Care highlighted the importance of: maintaining independence; managing the Council's limited resources; and that it was not always possible to find placements within the immediate vicinity of a service user's home community.

The Chairman asked if there was support for the proposal and both junior and cabinet members were in consensus.

Following a presentation, consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to endorse the 2017 JSNA summary and qualitative report as approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:** As set out in the officer report.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** As set out in the officer report.

25 **CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT YEOVIL WESTERN CORRIDOR** – agenda item 6

Cllr John Woodman, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, introduced the report noting that the scheme would unlock economic development and reduce congestion.

The Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure & Director of Commissioning informed members it was proposed that the delivery of the scheme would begin in Autumn 2017.

Further points raised in the debate included: traffic congestion in Yeovil; the scheduling of road works; lessons learnt and application to future projects; and traffic flow models.

In response to the points raised in debate The Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure & Director of Commissioning noted that: the Council always tries to minimise disruption when carrying out work on the highway network; and the importance of keeping up to date with industry changes.

The Leader of the Council read a question submitted by Cllr Josh Williams regarding a pedestrian crossing in Brympton. The Lead Director for Economic and Community Infrastructure & Director of Commissioning responded noting that the programme submitted by the preferred contractor included the construction of the crossing within six months of work commencing.

The Chairman asked if there was support for the proposal and both junior and cabinet members were in consensus.

Following consideration of the officer report, confidential appendix A, impact assessment and discussion the Cabinet resolved to:

1. Agree to award a contract for highway junction improvements and associated works at Yeovil Western Corridor to the supplier identified in Appendix A, following a competitive process.

2. Agree the case for exempt information for Appendix A to be treated in confidence, as public disclosure of the commercially sensitive data contained within would prejudice the Council's position in ensuring competitiveness of future tender processes.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

26 **DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING FUNCTION** – agenda item 7

Cllr Christine Lawrence, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing introduced the report which provided the background to the development of an Accountable Care System, including a joint commissioning function.

The Director of Public Health informed members that: there was no blueprint for an Accountable Care System: the paper being considered today focused on the commissioning structure; the three commissioning bodies in Somerset are the County Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England; and there was already some joined up working happening in the County. The Director further highlighted the 6 options considered, noting that the preferred option was the commissioning of health and social care through a new commissioning vehicle, and that this option was supported by the Clinical Commissioning Group.

The Chief Executive further noted that Somerset's Health and Social Care budgets cumulatively account for almost £1bn of spending.

Further points raised in the debate included: ensuring the support of both the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England; the cost of transport to care and ensuring costs are not transferred to individuals; Scrutiny consideration of the full business case; the new vehicles relationship with the Health and Wellbeing Board; the financial cost of the Clinical Commissioning Groups transformation.

The Director of Public Health further noted that the Health and Wellbeing Boards work would continue alongside a new Public Health and Care Board, and that there would need to be a clear distinction between the work of the two boards.

The Chairman asked if there was support for the proposal and both junior and cabinet members were in consensus.

Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Cabinet:

- considered the initial proposal and options appraisal.
- provided support in principle to progress to a full business case for the recommended option to be considered by Cabinet again in November 2017.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

27 **ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS** – agenda item 8

None.

**(The meeting ended at 11.26 am)**

**CHAIRMAN**