

CABINET

MINUTES OF THE 9 JANUARY 2019

AT 4.30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - WEST SOMERSET HOUSE

Present:

Councillor A Trollope-Bellew

Leader

Councillor M Dewdney

Councillor S Pugsley

Councillor A Hadley

Councillor K Turner

Councillor B Maitland-Walker

Councillor D Westcott

Members in Attendance:

Councillor H Davies

Councillor P Murphy

Councillor B Heywood

Councillor P Pilkington

Officers in Attendance:

James Hassett

Shirlene Adam

Bruce Lang

Andrew Stark

Richard Doyle

Krystyna Kowalewska

CAB25 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C Morgan.

CAB26 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet

(Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 28 November 2018 - circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 28 November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

CAB27 Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a County, Parish or Town Council:

| Name | Minute No. | Member of | Action Taken |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Cllr B Maitland-Walker | All | Carhampton | Spoke and voted |
| Cllr A Trollope-Bellew | All | Crowcombe | Spoke and voted |
| Cllr D Westcott | All | Watchet | Spoke and voted |
| Cllr H Davies | All | SCC | Spoke |
| Cllr P Murphy | All | Watchet | Spoke |
| Cllr P Pilkington | All | Timberscombe | Spoke |

In addition, Cllr P Murphy declared a personal interest in regards to Item 6 Financial Monitoring 2018/19 as Chairman of the Watchet Coastal Communities Team.

CAB28 Public Participation

John Irven, Director WCCT spoke on Item 6 Financial Monitoring with specific regard to the Watchet Coastal Communities Team's (WCCT) proposal to refurbish 7 The Esplanade, Watchet and save the voluntary bookshop.

CAB29 Forward Plan

(Copy of the Forward Plan for the months of February and March 2019 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of this item was to approve the Forward Plan.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan for the months of February and March 2019 be approved.

CAB30 Financial Monitoring - 2018/19 as at 30 September 2018

(Report No. WSC 1/19 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on the projected outturn – end of year – financial position of the Council for the financial year 2018/19 (as at 30 September 2018).

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support presented the report. In response to a question raised by the public speaker, he confirmed that £15,000 would be allocated as capital spend within this year's annual budget for refurbishment works on 7 The Esplanade. The Lead Member wished the WCCT well on their project and looked forward to the end result.

The Lead Member went on to highlight key points within the report and proposed the recommendation which was duly seconded by Councillor B Maitland-Walker.

Officers were congratulated on achieving an underspend in the Revenue Budget.

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee drew Members' attention to the Scrutiny comments contained within the report which reflected the very useful discussion held at the meeting.

The WCCT looked forward to working with the Council to fulfil the project.

RESOLVED that the Council's forecast financial performance as at 31 September 2018 be noted.

CAB31 Quarter 2 2018/19 Performance Report

(Report No. WSC 2/19 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to provide Members with key performance management data up to the end of quarter 2 2018/19 to assist in monitoring the Council's performance.

The Leader of the Council presented the report and drew attention of the five red measures identified.

The Leader proposed the recommendation which was duly seconded by Councillor M Dewdney.

Further clarification was provided on the red measures and the following main points were raised:

- As a result of the Homeless Reduction Act the goalposts had changed in regards to dealing with housing advice and homelessness. It was agreed that the target figure was not realistic and should be reset when reviewed by the new council. The Corporate Strategy and Performance Officer confirmed that targets would be reviewed and reprioritised and more realistic figures would be assigned going forward.
- The most up-to-date figures were provided for planning applications determined.
- It was acknowledged that customer complaints varied in their complexity and a few took longer than others to deal with.
- It was confirmed that the target for FOI requests in quarter 3 had been reached.
- The Lead Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing provided detailed information on future delivery of affordable housing in the district and the pipeline was looking good but it would take time to get moving again.

RESOLVED that the Council's performance be noted.

The Meeting closed at 5.05 pm