

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Fleming (Chairman)

Cllr. Lowe (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Dickins, Firth, Hogarth, Piper and Scholey

Cllrs. Eyre and Mrs Hunter were also present.

84. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 7 March 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

85. Declarations of interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

86. Questions from Members

There were no questions from Members.

87. Matters referred from Council, Audit Committee, Scrutiny Committee, CIL Spending Board or Cabinet Advisory Committees

There were none.

88. Community Plan Priorities for Action 2019-2022

The Portfolio Holder for Economic & Community Development presented the report which sought approval of the final draft of Community Plan for the period 2019-22. The Community Planning and Projects Officer explained that the document and its supporting Action Plan had been developed following comprehensive consultation with Members, residents, town and parish councils, a wide range of voluntary and community organisations and partner agencies.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that the final draft Community Plan and strategic level action plan for the period 2019-22 be agreed.

89. Adoption of the High Weald AONB Management Plan

The Portfolio Holder for Planning presented the report which sought adoption of a management plan for the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which the Council was legally required to do.

The Planning Policy Team Manager set out that High Weald AONB Management Plan review (2019-2024) was approved by the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) of the AONB unit on 28 November 2018 after public consultation and with input from the Council. It was recommended that the Council adopt the Plan as it would assist in understanding the key characteristics of the AONB and therefore developing policies and making development management decisions to protect and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape of the High Weald AONB.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Planning Policy team for their work on the Local Plan during this item.

The Planning Advisory Committee had considered the same report and had agreed to recommend it to Cabinet.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That the High Weald AONB Management Plan be adopted and a link provided to the document on the Council's website.

90. Adoption of Westerham and St Lawrence (Seal) Village Design Statements

The Portfolio Holder for Planning Leader presented a report which sought approval of the adoption of the Westerham and St Lawrence (Seal) Village Design Statements as Supplementary Planning Documents. The Planning Officer (Planning Policy) explained that the document would form a material consideration when assessing planning applications and development in the area.

The Planning Advisory Committee had considered the same report and had agreed to recommend it to Cabinet.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That the Westerham and Seal St Lawrence Village Design Statement be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.

91. Financial Results 2018/19 - to the end of January 2019

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The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report on the Council's financial results 2018/19 to the end of January 2019, which showed the year-end position at that time was forecast to be an unfavourable variance of £138,000; which represented 0.94% of the net service expenditure budget totalling £14.687m. The Head of Finance stated that the year-end forecast at the end of February was an unfavourable variance of £76,000 and there was every indication that the level of unfavourable variance would reduce further.

The Chairman expressed Cabinet's thanks to Facilities Management for finding savings on various general administration support functions, including postage.

He advised that the Finance Advisory Committee had considered the report.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

92. Carry Forward Requests 2018/19

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented the report which sought approval from Cabinet for carry forward requests. The Finance Advisory Committee had noted the same report and recommended it for approval. At that meeting the Finance Advisory Committee had asked some questions which the Head of Finance [tabled](#) the responses to.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That

- a) the Revenue 'carry forward' requests totalling up to £314,000 as set out in paragraph 3 of the report be approved; and
- b) the Capital carry forward request totalling £8,869 as set out in paragraph 4 of the report be approved.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.40 PM

CHAIRMAN

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IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

This notice was published on 8 April 2019. The decisions contained in Minutes 90,91 and 92 take effect immediately. The decision contained in Minute 89 takes effect on 16 April 2019. The decision contained in Minute 88 is a recommendation to Council.