

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Fleming (Chairman)

Cllr. Dickins

Cllrs. Dyball, Piper, and Thornton

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. McArthur

Cllrs. Hogarth, Mrs Hunter and Osborne-Jackson were also present.

65. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 4 February 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

66. Declarations of interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

67. Questions from Members

There were none.

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

There were none.

69. Sevenoaks District Commissioner for the Public Realm

The Monitoring Office presented a report which sought the creation of a Sevenoaks District Commissioner for the Public Realm. A Commission would be set up to assist the Commissioner work towards the creation and retention of good quality public space within the District.

Resolved: That

- a) Councillor Hogarth be nominated as Sevenoaks District Council's Commissioner for the Public Realm;
- b) the following terms of reference for the Commissioner as set out below be agreed;

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Phase 1 - Information and Data gathering

1. Where are our current public spaces across the district and what purpose or uses do they serve
2. What new developments are planned and has the public realm been considered, designed or planned
3. What makes good Public Space
4. Commission recruitment

Phase 2 - The Commission

1. The principles of Public Space in Sevenoaks (Wellbeing, Health, Safety, Economy, Built Environment, Environment)
2. Public Art, commissioning and financing
3. Urban Green Space
4. Report and Outcomes

Phase 3 - Delivery

1. Calendar of events
2. 'Quick Wins'
3. Updated Planning Policies
4. Philanthropy Network

- c) the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, the relevant Portfolio Holder and the Commissioner be delegated authority to appoint a voluntary Commission for the Public Realm to advise the Commissioner on matters within his terms of reference;
- d) the Commissioner be required to report at least once in every Municipal Year to Cabinet on the execution of their duties, to be incorporated into the terms of reference;
- e) the role of the Commissioner for the Public Realm cease to exist at the end of the 2022/23 municipal year; and
- f) the role of the Commissioner shall sit within the portfolio of the Portfolio Holder for People and Places.

70. Economic Development Strategy Delivery Plan Monitoring

The Improvement & Innovation Portfolio Holder presented the report which updated Members on the delivery of the 2018-2021 Economic Development Strategy. The Economic Development Officer set out that work on the strategy began in January 2019. The strategy was designed to have the flexibility to adapt to economic changes and needs of business customers.

Both the Improvement & Innovation and People & Places Advisory Committees had considered the same report.

Public Sector Equality Duty

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

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Resolved: That the progress of the Economic Development Strategy delivery plan to date be noted.

71. Community Grant Scheme Draft Allocations 2020/21

The People & Places Portfolio Holder presented the report which sought approval of the Applications received which had been appraised according to the Council's Guidelines and recommended for funding support the aims of the scheme and represent value for money.

The Community Projects & Funding Officers indicated that applications received had been appraised according to the Council's Guidelines. The People & Places Advisory Committee had considered and noted the same report.

Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That the grants as set out within Appendix C to the report, be approved subject to the following conditions

- (i) that performance indicators as set out in the application forms are adhered to and monitored;
- (ii) that appropriate Safeguarding policies and arrangements are in place, where necessary;
- (iii) that appropriate recognition of this Council's funding contribution is made in all their publicity;
- (iv) where services are provided over a wider area than the District boundaries, organisations will be required to hold grant aid from this Council in a restricted fund for the benefit of Sevenoaks District residents;
- (v) that organisations funded either have or are working towards any quality accreditation.

72. Sevenoaks District Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan 2020-21

The People & Places Portfolio Holder presented the report which set out the Partnership activity aimed at addressing domestic abuse, serious and acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour, safeguarding, substance misuse, and doorstep crime.

The Community Safety Manager set out that the Action plan was a multi-agency document and would be monitored on a quarterly basis by the Community Safety Partnership to ensure that actions would be on target.

The People & Places Advisory Committee had considered the same report.

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Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That the Community Safety Strategy & Action Plan for 2020/21 be approved.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.58 PM

CHAIRMAN

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

This notice was published on 9 March 2020. The decisions contained in Minutes 69 and 70 take effect immediately. The decisions contained in Minutes 71 and 72 take effect on 17 March 2020.