

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Fleming (Chairman)

Cllr. Lowe (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Dickins, Piper and Scholey

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Firth and Hogarth

Cllr. Eyre was also present.

78. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 February 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

79. Declarations of interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

80. Questions from Members

A Cabinet Member asked whether the Council had set a date for the opening of the Sevenoaks Town Car Park. The Chairman answered that a provisional date had been set for the opening and would be announced in due course.

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

There were none.

82. Bank Account Signatories

Members considered a report which sought approval for a change to the list of officers authorised to sign cheques and sanction banking instruments on behalf of the Council. Two members of staff were being removed from the list and the new Assistant Accountant (Technical) was being added. Cabinet noted that officers authorised to sign cheques within the Finance team had signing rights over all bank accounts except the Imprest Account held in the offices of the Legal team.

Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That

- a) Miss Tsitsi Danga, Assistant Accountant (Technical) no longer be authorised to sign cheques and sanction banking instruments on behalf of the Council;
- b) Miss Veronica Wilson, Principal Accountant, no longer be authorised to sign cheques and sanction banking instruments on behalf of the Council with effect from 30 April 2019; and
- c) pursuant to Financial Procedure Rules 4.73 and 4.74, Mrs Ekaterina Ratushnaya, Assistant Accountant (Technical), be authorised to sign cheques and sanction banking instruments on behalf of the Council.

83. Community Grant Scheme Draft Allocations 2019/2020

The Community Projects and Funding Officer presented a report which set out information about the Community Grant Scheme and summarised applications received by the Council from voluntary organisation for funding during 2019/20. The Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee had noted the same report and had recommended it for approval.

Members noted that it was impressive that the Council was able to support a Community Grant Scheme in the context of the funding pressures upon Local Government and the voluntary sector. Cabinet noted that the Scheme was socially beneficial for those who volunteer and for those who benefit from the receipt of grants.

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Resolved: That the Grants, as set out in 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; and
- (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.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.22 PM

CHAIRMAN

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

This notice was published on 11 March 2019. The decision contained in Minute 82 takes effect immediately. The decision contained in Minute 83 takes effect on 19 March 2019.