

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2019 commencing at 7.15 pm

Present: Cllr. Fleming (Chairman)

Cllr. Dickins (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. McArthur, Dickins, Piper and Thornton

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Dyball

Cllrs. Bayley, Dr. Canet, Mrs Hunter, Maskell, Osborne-Jackson, Pender and Purves were also present.

26. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 12 September 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

27. Declarations of interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

28. Questions from Members

Cllr Purves asked a question relating to the Planning Inspectorate's decision to pause the Local Plan examination process. The Chairman replied that the Council's written response would become public on or before 15 November 2019.

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

There were none.

30. Community Plan 2018/19 Annual Report

The People & Places Chief Officer presented the Annual Report for the third and final year (2018/19) of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2016-19. Monitoring had been completed and progress against agreed key success measures for each priority within the plan was reported. She advised that the People & Places Advisory Committee had 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 report be noted.

31. Annual Review of Parking Management 2020/21

The Cleaner & Greener Portfolio Holder presented the report which sought approval of the proposed parking charges in selected on and off-street parking locations across the District. The Parking Manager set out that this included an increase in parking charges in Blighs and Sevenoaks Town car parks and on street in Holly Bush Lane and Plymouth Drive in Sevenoaks town, and Morewood Close, St Botolphs and Ashley Close near Sevenoaks Station.

In response to a question from Cllr Purves about increases in charges, the Chairman set out that the Council's parking charges were low in comparison to other authorities and that they represented overall value for money.

The Cleaner & Greener Portfolio Holder advised that the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee had recommended the report for approval.

Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That the 2020/21 parking management proposals be agreed for consultation, with the results of the consultation reported back to a future meeting.

32. Christmas Parking 2019

The Cleaner & Greener Portfolio Holder presented the report which requested free concessionary parking on select dates at Christmas 2019. She advised that the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee had agreed to recommend the report.

Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That

- a) the proposal for free parking (subject to the standard requirement to observe maximum periods of stay in car parks and on street, and a reduced stay in Blighs from 4 to 3 hours to improve turnover) in Sevenoaks town and Westerham on Saturdays 14 & 21 December 2019, and, in Blighs car park on Sundays 15 & 22 December 2019 be agreed; and
- b) it be recommended to Council that the cost of funding be met from Supplementary Estimates be authorised.

33. Licensing Charging for Pre-application Advice

The Chief Officer for Planning & Regulatory Services presented the report which invited Members to consider introducing an innovative new scheme designed to help licence applications by offering the provision of a (paid for) pre-application advice service for applications relating to various types of premises licensing as well as a 'check and send' type service for volume applications.

He advised that the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee had 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

- a) the provision of a (paid for) pre-application advice service for applications relating to various types of premises licensing (a list of types as attached at Appendix A to the report) as well as a 'check and send' type service for volume applications, be approved; and
- b) the proposed fees, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be adopted.

34. Agreement on Joint Transportation Boards

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report which set out an updated Agreement on Joint Transportation Boards. The new provisions included a review every four years, formal rules on public speaking, removal of an inapplicable appendix, co-operation for Overview and Scrutiny and greater clarity on terms of reference.

The Chairman indicated that KALC had requested voting rights for Parish representatives. He moved that Cabinet should resolve to request the Leader of the Council to write to the relevant Portfolio Holder at Kent County Council expressing the views given by KALC that Town and Parish Members should have voting rights.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised that the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee had 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

- a) the Agreement on Joint Transportation Boards be approved;

Cabinet - 7 November 2019

- b) the Leader of the Council be requested to write to the relevant Portfolio Holder at Kent County Council expressing the views given by KALC that Town and Parish Members should have voting rights.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 8.10 PM

CHAIRMAN

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

This notice was published on 11 November 2019. The decision contained in Minute 30 and part of the decision in Minute 32 takes effect immediately. The decisions contained in Minutes 31 and 33 take effect on 19 November 2019. Part of the decision contained in Minute 32 is a recommendation to Council.