

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH CABINET HELD IN THE CANTEEN,
BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY, 7
SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Jennie Jenkins - Chairman

Tina Campbell
Jan Osborne
Peter Patrick

Margaret Maybury
Lee Parker
John Ward

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Councillors Clive Arthey, Sue Carpendale and Tony Bavington.

31 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

None declared.

32 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

33 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

None received.

34 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None received.

35 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

None received.

36 MATTERS REFERRED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR JOINT AUDIT
AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES

None referred.

37 BCa/17/16 FORTHCOMING DECISIONS LIST

Margaret Maybury, Cabinet Member for Communities, referred to the Leisure Strategy item referred to in the report which had been re-scheduled for November.

The Chief Executive updated Members in respect of the input from the new Strategic Director, Jonathan Stephenson, ahead of his formal start date in October and confirmed that in the meantime, there were no matters requiring a separate report to Cabinet in relation to Hadleigh Pool and Leisure.

RESOLVED

That the content of Paper BCa/17/16, as updated at the meeting, be noted.

38 BCa/17/17 FINANCIAL MONITORING 2017/18 - QUARTER 1

Members had before them Paper BCa/17/17, together with a replacement page 23 showing an amended table under paragraph 11.11, which was circulated to Members at the meeting.

Peter Patrick, Cabinet Member for Finance and Organisational Delivery, introduced the report which set out various items for Cabinet to note or approve as a result of the 'reporting by exception approach' which has been used in reviewing income and expenditure budget variances in the first quarter of the year.

He referred to the revised table which provided a high-level summary of the anticipated movement in the Transformation Fund during 2017/18 and which had been updated by the inclusion of the following additional line under the heading LESS:-

	£'000
Actual Year to date Spend (April to June 2017)	(225)
to give a revised Balance at 31 st March 2017 of	<u>941</u>

In response to a question about the MRF Gate Fee, the Chairman, Jennie Jenkins, asked Clive Arthey, the Council's representative on the Suffolk Waste Partnership to respond.

She invited questions from Cllrs Arthey, Bavington and Carpendale, to which Cabinet Members responded in relation to the timing of the introduction of electric charging points in Sudbury and Hadleigh, the reasons behind the favourable variances, which related mainly to staff vacancies, and the Public Realm review, for which Mike Evans is the Lead Officer.

In response to a question from Councillor Ward, it was noted that the update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy would cover the link with growth stimulation to generate income.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the potential or likely variations in relation to the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme compared to the Budget, together with the amendments to the table in paragraph 11.11 of Paper BCa/17/17 as referred to above, be noted;**

- (2) That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the following net transfers of £696k be noted:
- a) The balance of the General Fund surplus of £257k referred to in section 11.8 of Paper BCa/17/17 be transferred to the Transformation Fund;
 - b) The transfer of £102k, being the favourable variance for the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) to a new earmarked Waste reserve, referred to in section 11.8 of the report;
 - c) The transfer of £337k, being the 2016/17 surplus on the Business Rates Collection Fund to the Business Rates Equalisation reserve, referred to in section 11.8 of the report;
- (3) That the revised 2017/18 Capital Programme referred to in Appendix B and section 11.15 of Paper BCa/17/17 be approved.

39 BCa/17/18 LAWSHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Lee Parker, Cabinet Member for Planning, introduced Paper BCa/17/18 presenting the recommendations of the Independent Examiner on the Submission Draft (summarised in Appendix 1 to the report) and seeking Cabinet approval to proceed to a Local Referendum. Together with Bill Newman, Corporate Manager – Strategic Planning, he responded to questions from Cabinet Members and the other Councillors present about the recommendation on Policy LAW10, funding support for Parishes, and the process by which the Examiner had recommended changes.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Lawshall Parish Council be requested to make the necessary modifications to its Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Independent Examiner’s recommendations as contained in Paper BCa/17/18.
- (2) That, subject to the satisfactory completion of the modifications referred to in Resolution (1) above, the Neighbourhood Plan be advanced to a local referendum covering the Parish of Lawshall.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.10 a.m.

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Chairman