

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **MID SUFFOLK CABINET** held as a Virtual Meeting on Monday, 6 July 2020 at 11:30am.

PRESENT:

Councillor: Suzie Morley (Chair)
Gerard Brewster (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: David Burn
Jessica Fleming
Harry Richardson
Julie Flatman
Peter Gould
John Whitehead

In attendance:

Councillor(s): Lavinia Hadingham
John Field
Keith Welham

Officers: Chief Executive Officer (AC)
Monitoring Officer (EY)
Assistant Director – Corporate Resources (KS)
Assistant Director – Housing (GF)
Assistant Director – Environment and Commercial Partnerships (CC)
Senior Finance Business Partner (SB)
Governance Officer (CP)

135 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

136 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

There were no declarations of interest declared.

137 MCA19/62 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09 JUNE 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 09 June 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

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

None received.

139 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

There were no questions received from Councillors.

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

There were no matters referred.

141 FORTHCOMING DECISIONS LIST

The Forthcoming Decision List was noted.

142 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2019/20

The Cabinet Member for Finance introduced the report and thanked the Finance Team for their hard work.

Councillor Whitehead proposed the recommendations in the report. Councillor Gould seconded the recommendations.

In response to a question from Councillor Field, the Cabinet Member for Finance provided details of the reasons for the variances in the report.

Councillor Welham raised a question regarding the anticipated spend on the Joint Local Plan and requested details of the total cost of the work undertaken so far and what was budgeted, and how much further spend was anticipated. Councillor Whitehead confirmed that this information would be provided outside of the meeting.

Councillor Brewster replied to Councillor Welham's question regarding the uptake of the Shop Fronts Grant Scheme.

The Assistant Director for Corporate Resources responded to a question regarding the timing of financial reporting.

Members thanked the Finance Team and praised the work they had undertaken.

The Leader of the Council commented on how the additional spend on ITC had enabled Officers to work from home during the Covid-19 pandemic, and to therefore continue to provide a service to customers.

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the 2019/20 financial outturn as set out in the report be noted.**
- 1.2 That the following net transfers of £318k be approved; a) Transfer from reserves of £1k being the net amount for specific earmarked reserves, referred to in section 5.15 and Appendix D of the report; b) Of the remaining balance of the General Fund surplus £294k be transferred to the Growth and Efficiency Fund and £611k from the Business Rates Equalisation reserve, as referred to in section 2.1 (c) of the report.**
- 1.3 That the General Fund carry-forward requests totalling £164k referred to**

in paragraph 5.16 of the report be approved.

- 1.4 That the total Capital carry-forward requests referred to in paragraph 5.22 of the report totalling £18.956m be approved.**

Reason for Decision: To ensure that Members are kept informed of the outturn position for both General Fund Revenue and Capital and to approve earmarked reserve transfers and carry forward requests.

143 MCA/19/64 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2019/20

The Cabinet Member for Finance introduced report MCA/19/64 and advised Members of some changes to the report.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Flatman.

In response to a query from Councillor Field, the Assistant Director for Housing provided details of the overspend within the HRA budget and the steps taken to manage this.

Members thanked the Assistant Director for Housing and the Team for their hard work.

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the 2019/20 financial outturn as set out in the report be noted.**
- 1.2 That the transfer of £1.396m, being the HRA surplus for the year (£1.815m more than planned) per paragraph 5.5 of the report, to the Strategic Priorities Reserves be approved.**
- 1.3 That the HRA Capital carry-forward requests referred to in paragraphs 5.12 and 5.13 of the report totalling £8.319m be approved.**

Reasons for Decision: To ensure that Members are kept informed of the outturn position for both Housing Revenue and Capital and to approve earmarked reserve transfers and carry forward requests.

144 MCA/19/65 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

The Cabinet Member for the Environment introduced the report and advised Members of some updates to the report.

Councillor Fleming proposed the recommendations in the report. Councillor Flatman seconded the recommendations.

In response to a question from Councillor Welham, the Assistant Director for

Environment and Commercial Partnerships confirmed that the policy review in October would be able to consider the possibility of incentives for electric vehicles.

It was RESOLVED:-

That the revised table of fares attached as Appendix E of the report, and in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, be adopted and come into effect on 27th July 2020.

Reason for Decision: To adopt the revised table of fares for Hackney Carriages within the Mid Suffolk District.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 12:41pm.

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Chair (and date)