

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH CABINET HELD IN THE CANTEEN,
COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2017

PRESENT: Jennie Jenkins (Chairman)

Tina Campbell
Jan Osborne
Lee Parker

Margaret Maybury
Peter Patrick
John Ward

In attendance: Councillors Clive Arthey and Tony Bavington.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

None declared.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting held on 11 May 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

None received.

4 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None received.

5 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

None received.

6 BCa/17/2 - HALF-YEARLY PERFORMANCE OUTCOME REPORTING (OCTOBER
2016 TO MARCH 2017)

Peter Patrick, Cabinet Member for Customers, introduced Paper BCa17/2 which provided performance information for the six month period from October 2016 to March 2017 and built on the approach previously presented to Councillors' and their feedback.

Members were asked to consider whether the information was an accurate reflection of the Council's performance in delivering the key outcomes in the Joint Strategic Plan (JSP). Members noted that a correction to the reference in paragraph 11.3.6 of the report to 'Environment, Waste and Leisure – Appendix G' as Leisure is now within the remit of Communities.

Karen Coll, Business Improvement Manager (Corporate) in presenting an overview of the main aspects of the report referred to the role of Portfolio Holders in refining the approach to providing information in future to enable Members to monitor and evidence JSP programme progress. Jennie Jenkins reported that each Portfolio Holder would concentrate on a particular item, and that the use of the £25m investment, the future of the Hadleigh HQ Building and Homelessness were among the items identified to date. Members asked for an additional column to be included in the tables in relation to monitoring progress.

Among other issues raised were the Suffolk-wide concerns about the effect of Brexit on the seasonal employment of agricultural workers, work on dementia awareness and public access. Jennie Jenkins referred to the forthcoming meeting of Cabinet Members with the Senior Leadership Team which would progress the outcome focused ways of working.

Councillors Arthey and Bavington were offered the opportunity to comment as a result of which, Jennie Jenkins confirmed the position regarding access to Cabinet papers for other Councillors. Karen Coll was asked to clarify some points raised by the Councillors' comments.

RESOLVED

That the performance report and the performance outcome information attached to Paper BCa/17/2 as Appendices A to G be agreed as an accurate reflection of Babergh District Council's current performance and progress towards the Joint Strategic Plan outcomes.

7 BCa/17/3 - PRE-APPLICATION SERVICES

Lee Parker, Cabinet Member for Planning introduced Paper BCa/17/3 seeking Cabinet approval to a new Pre-Application Planning Service and proposed charging regime.

Cabinet Members welcomed the report in its current format, which had addressed the issues raised on the earlier draft, particularly with regard to the risk mitigation measures.

RESOLVED

That the new format of Pre-Application Advice Service as outlined in Paper BCa/17/3 and proposed fee charges for such services as set out in the draft charging schedule attached as Appendix A, with introduction with effect from 1 July 2017, be approved.

8 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

RESOLVED

That pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during this item, it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated

against the item.

The Cabinet was also satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

- 9 BCa/17/4 - CONFIRMATION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 MAY 2017 (Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1)

RESOLVED

That Confidential Minute No 123 of the Strategy Committee meeting held on 11 May 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 6.20 p.m.

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Chairman