

Minutes of the Cabinet

29 September 2020

-: Present :-

Councillor Steve Darling (Chairman)

Councillors Long, Morey, Carter, Stockman, Law and Cowell

(Also in attendance: Councillors Brooks, Bye, Mandy Darling, Douglas-Dunbar, Foster, Hill, Howgate, Kennedy, Barbara Lewis, Chris Lewis, Loxton, Manning, Mills, David Thomas and Jacqueline Thomas)

120. Matters for Consideration

The Cabinet considered the following matters, full details of which (including the Cabinet's decisions) are set out in the Record of Decisions appended to these Minutes.

121. Adult Social Care - Annual Local Account

122. Proposed Extension of Shared Services Arrangement for Trading Standards

123. Freehold Disposal of Land adjacent to Broomhill Way, Torquay.

124. Council Redesign Programme - Transformation Plan

125. Budget Monitoring 2020/21 - Period Four

The Cabinet noted the contents of the submitted report which provided a high level budget summary of the Council's revenue and capital income and expenditure for 2020/2021. Full discussion on the report had taken place at the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 16 September 2020.

Chairman/woman

Record of Decisions

Adult Social Care - Annual Local Account

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 29 September 2020.

Decision

That the Local Account as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

Reason for the Decision

To enable the Local Account to be published in accordance with Government requirements.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 12 October 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Local Account for Adult Social Care sets out what has been achieved for local people in relation to adult social care, outlines the level of performance for the last financial year and commitment to future service delivery.

Councillor Stockman proposed and Councillor Long seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

No alternative options were considered.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

Record of Decisions

Proposed Extension of Shared Services Arrangement for Trading Standards

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 29 September 2020.

Decision

- (i) that the proposed renewal of the current shared Trading Standards Service arrangement with Devon County Council, Somerset County Council and Torbay Council for a ten-year period starting from 01 April 2021 be approved; and
- (ii) that the proposed extension of the current shared service arrangement with Devon County Council, Somerset County Council and Torbay Council for delivery of the Trading Standards Service to also include Plymouth City Council be approved.

Reason for the Decision

The existing Partnership will be dissolved and replaced with the new arrangements from the 1 April 2021, the proposal is seeking support in principle.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 12 October 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

On 1 May 2017, Torbay Council entered into a shared services agreement with Devon County Council and Somerset County Council for the provision of a joint Trading Standards Service. Approval is being sought to extend the service to include Plymouth City Council and renew the current shared Trading Standards Service arrangement for a ten year period starting from 1 April 2021.

Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

The only other option would be to bring the service back under the management of Torbay Council, though this would entail greater costs, as well as require new additional management capacity.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Record of Decisions

Freehold Disposal of Land adjacent to Broomhill Way, Torquay

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 29 September 2020.

Decision

That the TDA Director of Asset Management, Investment and Housing, in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive, be authorised to dispose of the freehold interest of land area 2,178 sq. m adjacent to Broomhill Way, Torquay.

Reason for the Decision

The proposed purchaser is considered a special purchaser due to his freehold ownership of the land adjacent. The agreed purchase price reflects this, coupled with the anticipated use of the site. Consequently terms of disposal for this land in isolation are unlikely to be bettered by an advertising campaign on the open market.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 12 October 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

It is proposed the Council dispose of the freehold interest of land area c. 2,178 sq. m on Nightingale Park adjacent to Broomhill Way, Torquay.

This property on disposal will provide a capital receipt to help supplement the Council's capital programme. It will also reduce the Council's liability of further maintenance spending.

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Morey seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

The Council is under no obligation to dispose of the land. The land could be retained by the Council for anticipated future use of Nightingale Park in its entirety albeit this has not been defined. The land in question does not produce any income currently and being on the periphery of Nightingale Park has become overgrown.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Record of Decisions

Council Redesign Programme - Transformation Plan

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 29 September 2020.

Decision

That the Council Redesign Transformation Plan be approved.

Reason for the Decision

It is acknowledged that the Council needs to consider bigger and bolder transformation opportunities that build a sustainable operating model for the 21st century, post COVID-19 whilst also delivering a range of financial and non-financial benefits.

The Transformation Plan sets out how we will bring a coherent, joined-up approach to change, that meets the council's priorities as set out in our Community and Corporate Plan, and will support the delivery of financial targets in the Medium Term Resource Plan.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 12 October 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny)

Information

Work had started on the Council Redesign Programme at the end of 2019. However, the Council's response to the Covid-19 showed that we can operate differently and flexibly, building on the partnerships that we have had in place for many years. Reflecting on these changes, the Council has taken the opportunity to reset the Redesign Programme, and is now seeking approval for the Programme in order that the work can now progress at pace.

Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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