

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Fleming (Chairman)

Cllr. Dickins (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Dyball, Maskell, McArthur and Thornton

Cllr. Osborne-Jackson was also present.

190. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of Cabinet held on 18 March 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

191. Declarations of interest

There were none.

192. Questions from Members

There were none.

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

There were none.

194. Financial Results 2020/21 to the end of January 2021

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Investment presented the report on the Council's financial results 2020/21 to the end of January 2021, which showed the end of year position was currently forecast to be an unfavourable variance of £95,000.

The Head of Finance set out that this represented 0.61% of the net service expenditure totalling £15.581m. Subsequent to the publishing of the report, and reported at the Finance & Investment Advisory Committee, the full year forecast as at the end of February had increased to an unfavourable variance of £160,000. He agreed to circulate to Cabinet the responses to the action points shown in the minutes of the Finance and Investment Advisory Committee dated 25 March 2021.

Public Sector Equality Duty

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

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Resolved: That the report be noted.

195. Carry Forward Requests 2020/21

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Investment presented the report which sought approval from Cabinet for carry forward requests for 2020/21. The Head of Finance explained the carry forward requests and answered questions.

The Finance & Investment Advisory Committee had considered 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 Revenue carry forward requests totalling up to £477,000 as set out in paragraph 3 of the report be approved; and
- b) the Capital carry forward request totally £524,000 as set out in paragraph 4 of the report be approved.

196. Disposal of Land

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Investment presented a report which sought approval of the disposal of various sites identified as surplus to the Council's requirements.

The Strategic Head of Property and Commercial explained that their disposal provided an opportunity to obtain capital receipts and to mitigate risks. The Finance & Investment Advisory Committee had considered the same report and had requested that Cabinet reconsider the valuation of Oakhill Road. In response to this, Cabinet indicated that the valuation was considered robust.

Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That

- a) the properties listed in recommendation b) below, be declared as surplus to the Council's requirements;
- b) the disposal of
 - land at Russett Way, Swanley by auction;
 - land east of 40 Alder Way, Swanley by private treaty;
 - land at Oakhill Road, Sevenoaks by private treaty;
 - land to rear of Sealcroft Cottages, Seal, by private treaty;

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be approved; and

- c) delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Head of Property & Commercial in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to undertake and to enter into the necessary agreements for the land transactions noted in (b) above.

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

This notice was published on 23 April 2021. The decisions contained in Minutes 194 and 195 take effect immediately. The decision contained in Minute 196 takes effect on 3 May 2021.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.28 PM

CHAIRMAN