

MINUTES

CABINET

26 JANUARY 2016

Present:

Members:

Councillors:	Graeme Elliot	Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources
	Margaret Griffiths	Portfolio Holder for Housing
	Neil Harden	Portfolio Holder for Residents & Corporate Services
	Janice Marshall	Portfolio Holder for Environmental, Sustainability & Regulatory Services
	Graham Sutton	Portfolio Holder for Planning & Regeneration
	Andrew Williams (Chairman)	Leader of the Council

Officers:	Sally Marshall	Chief Executive
	Mark Gaynor	Corporate Director Housing and Regeneration
	Mark Brookes	Group Manager Legal Governance
	Jim Doyle	Group Manager Democratic Services
	Ben Hosier	Group Manager Commissioning, Procurement & Compliance
	Richard Baker	Group Manager Financial Services
	Linda Dargue	Insurance and Risk Lead Officer
	Michelle Anderson	Corporate Support Team Leader-Democracy

The meeting began at 7.30 pm.

CA/001/16 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2015 were agreed by the members present and signed by the Chairman.

CA/002/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

CA/003/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CA/004/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

CA/005/16 REFERRALS TO CABINET

There were no referrals to Cabinet.

CA/006/16 CABINET FORWARD PLAN

Decision

That the Cabinet Forward Plan be noted, subject to the following amendments:

The Enterprise Zone to be added to the March agenda.

CA/007/16 AUTHORISATION OF VIREMENTS

Decision

That the Virements as detailed on the attached Form A to the Cabinet report be approved.

Reason for Decision

To seek Cabinet approval to proposed virements.

Implications

Financial

The Scheme of Virements is part of the Council's financial management as included within Financial Regulations.

Risk Implications

There are no risk implications.

Corporate Objectives

To standardise documentation and authorisation requirements for all virements.

Advice

The Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources explained that the purpose of the report was to approve the virements shown, to ensure everything was in the correct accounts.

Voting

None.

CA/008/16 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER – QUARTER 2 2015

Decision

That the updates to the Strategic Risk Register as at the end of Quarter 3 2015, and any amendments to existing risks or areas for further consideration by Officers be approved.

Reason for Decision

To provide Cabinet with the quarterly update on the Strategic Risk Register.

Implications

Financial

The effective management of strategic risks and opportunities reduces the time and associated costs of dealing with unforeseen events and increases the likelihood that the Council will be able to take advantage of opportunities to deliver its objectives as set out in the Corporate Plan and supporting strategies (e.g. medium-term financial strategy, asset management strategy).

Value for Money

The effective management of strategic risks and opportunities is a key tool in ensuring that services are provided as effectively, efficiently and economically as possible. By anticipating and mitigating risk, costly short term urgent actions are avoided as far as possible in delivering services. Seeking out and taking advantage of opportunities that present themselves accelerates the pace of delivery of Corporate Plan objectives.

Risk Implications

Risk Assessments are included for each item on the proposed revised Strategic Risk & Opportunity Register.

Corporate Objectives

Corporate Governance

Advice

The Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources explained that there had been no major changes from the previous report. The council was aware of the impacts of the 1% reduction in rents from the Chancellor and had the necessary controls in place. The Insurance and Risk Lead Officer added that the new concise design of the report worked well.

The Portfolio Holder for Environmental, Sustainability & Regulatory Services agreed that the report now contained more detail and was much easier to understand.

The Leader of the Council noted that it was a very short report and asked if there was a reason why there were no risks within his area.

The Insurance and Risk Lead Officer explained that the report used to contain 54 risks which were unmanageable. However, now the report contained the significant strategic risks, which could be increased if councillors wished to do so.

It was confirmed that the Overview & Scrutiny Committees looked at the operational risks relevant to their remit and the Audit committee monitored the strategic risks.

The Chief Executive added that the Auditors, Mazars, had recommended that the Strategic risk register be more targeted. Therefore CMT agreed the specific strategic risks to be included in the report, which the Audit committee monitored.

Consultation

Consultation took place with:

- Cabinet
- Leader of the Opposition
- Chief Officer Group
- Linda Dargue, Insurance & Risk Manager
- Mazars (the Council's Internal Auditors)

Voting

None.

CA/009/16 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Decision

That, under s.100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Part 1 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during the item in Part 2 of the Agenda for this meeting, because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that, if members of the public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Council and third party companies/organisations. (Minute CA/010/16)

Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 3

CA/010/16 THE FORUM CATEGORY C

Decision

That the recommendation as detailed in the report be approved.

Full details are in the Part II minute.

Reason for Decision

Full details are in the Part II minute.

Implications

Full details are in the Part II minute.

Advice

Full details are in the Part II minute.

Voting

Full details are in the Part II minute.

The meeting ended at 7.56pm.