

MINUTES

CABINET

22 JUNE 2021

Present:

Members:

Councillors: Williams (Leader)
Griffiths (Deputy
Leader)
Elliot
Anderson
Banks
Barrett
Tindall

Officers:	Claire Hamilton	Chief Executive
	Mark Brookes	Assistant Director - Corporate and Contracted Services
	James Deane	Corporate Director - Finance and Operations
	Oliver Jackson	Group Manager - Supported Housing
	Linda Roberts	Assistant Director - Performance, People and Innovation
	Fiona Williamson	Assistant Director - Housing

Also Attendance: M Kange (minutes)

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

CA/31/21 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2021 were agreed by Members present and signed by the Chair.

CA/32/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

CA/33/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CA/34/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

CA/35/21 REFERRALS TO CABINET

There were no referrals to Cabinet.

CA/36/21 CABINET FORWARD PLAN

Cllr Anderson requested that the Gadebridge Park Improvements be added to the September meeting.

This was noted by the Committee.

Cllr Williams stated that the order of the items on the Agenda was not appropriate and should not include Part II items amongst Part I items. Item 11 would therefore be discussed before Items 9 and 10.

CA/37/21 TRANSFORMATION PHASE 2 BUSINESS CASE

Cllr Tindall stated that he had not seen the sight of any consultation with Ward Councillors and wondered whether this had been missed.

LR stated that they would be included as part of Stakeholders along with residents.

Cllr Griffiths stated that this was an exciting project and was right for continuing along the path. There has been staff engagement throughout and without it the project would fall over. Cllr Griffiths asked for confirmation of staff feedback.

LR – Yes there has been formally and informally and the staff have been very engaged and the consultants have expressed how interesting it has been being allowed to contribute. Comms has been incredibly important at keeping people informed.

Recommendations Agreed.

CA/38/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the Public to exclude

CA/39/21 LEISURE CONTRACT

This item is restricted, please see Part 2 Minutes for full details.

CA/40/21 WATER CHARGES

This item is restricted, please see Part 2 Minutes for details.

CA/41/21 PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL OUTTURN

Cllr Elliot stated that we have been very engaged and proactive with our businesses and it was probably the best to expect given the past year or so.

JD – There has been a lot of pressure and uncertainty over Covid. We keep monitoring the situation going forward but as a starting point it is as good as we could get it, given the circumstances.

Cllr Griffiths wanted to congratulate and thank the staff for being alert and keeping up the good work and being able to put the right amount aside.

Cllr Williams stated that we have had challenges throughout the pandemic but have remained strong in financially challenging situations. It has cost us a significant chunk of our reserves to get through the last year and Council are still not operating on full cylinders in terms of income and have continued to face pressures. Looking at this outturn for 2021, it has been an exceptionally good result overall given Covid but we must not take our eye off the fact that there are still challenges ahead.

JD – The reason we have got as close as we have is because of input from all services and this will give ourselves the best opportunities going forward.

The Meeting ended at 8.02 pm