
DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

6 OCTOBER 2021

Present:

MEMBERS:

Riddick (Mayor), Adeleke, Allen, Anderson, Arslan, Banks, Barry-Mears, Bassadone, Beauchamp, Bhinder, Birnie (Deputy Mayor), Claughton, Douris, Elliot, England, Freedman, Griffiths, Harden, Hearn, Hollinghurst, Johnson, Link, So Mahmood, Su Mahmood, Peter, Ransley, Rogers, Silwal, Stevens, Sutton, Taylor, Timmis, Tindall, Wilkie, Williams and Wyatt-Lowe (38)

OFFICERS:

The Chief Executive, Assistant Director (Corporate and Contracted Services), C O'Neil (Corporate and Democratic Support Team Leader) and L Fowell (Corporate & Democratic Support Officer)

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Tindall gave apologies on behalf of Cllrs Hobson, Townsend, Uttley, Symington, Woolner & Pringle.

Cllr Williams gave apologies on behalf of Cllrs Chapman, Oguchi, Imarni, Sinha & Barrett.

Apologies were also received from Cllr Maddern.

Cllrs Durrant & McDowell were also absent.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3 PART 1 CABINET REFERRALS

21 September 2021

3.1 CA/058/21 SOUTH WEST HERTS JOINT STRATEGIC PLAN

Cllr Williams introduced the recommendation, seconded by Cllr Griffiths and agreed.

Resolved:

That the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) underpinning the Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) as set out in Appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet is approved.

That the Statement of Community Involvement for the Joint Strategic Plan (as set out in Appendix 2 of the Cabinet report) is approved for consultation.

3.2 CA/059/21 QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

Cllr Williams introduced the recommendation, seconded by Cllr Griffiths.

Cllr Tindall commented that this MTFs is a good construct given the government are useless and officers have to wait until later in the year for the settlement to be finalised, adding that officers should therefore be commended.

Cllr Williams responded that it has been normal practice for settlement not to be received until December, noting this is historical and is no different to any government that has gone before.

Recommendations agreed.

Resolved:

To approve the revised HRA capital programme to move £4.63m slippage identified at Quarter 1 into financial year 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix C of the report to Cabinet.

That Council approve a supplementary revenue budget of £590k in the Leisure budget, funded from the Economic Recovery Reserve, for financial support to the Council's leisure provider Everyone Active.

3.3 CA/060/21 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Cllr Williams introduced the recommendation, seconded by Cllr Griffiths and agreed.

Resolved:

To approve the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period 2021/22 – 2025/26, including the recommendations at Section 2 of the Strategy.

4 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved:

That, under s.100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded during the item in part II 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 affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Item 5).

5 PART II CABINET REFERRALS

Full details can be found in the Part 2 Minutes.

The Meeting ended at 7.55 pm