

MINUTES

CABINET

24 JANUARY 2023

Present:

Members:

Councillors: Williams (Leader)
Griffiths (Deputy
Leader)
Elliot
Barrett

Officers:	Claire Hamilton	Chief Executive
	Mark Brookes	Assistant Director - Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)
	Natasha Beresford	Assistant Director - Strategic Housing
	Nigel Howcutt	Chief Finance Officer (S151)
	Darren Welsh	Chief Housing Officer
	Jodie Bartlett	Domestic Abuse Project Officer
	C Silva Donayre	Strategic Director Corporate and Commercial

Also Attendance: Councillor Tindall

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

CA/1/21 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December were agreed by Members present and signed by the Chair

CA/2/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Banks

CA/3/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CA/4/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

CA/5/21 REFERRALS TO CABINET

There were no referrals to Cabinet

CA/6/21 CABINET FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan was noted.

CA/7/21 DOMESTIC ABUSE POLICY

Decision

That Cabinet approves the Domestic Abuse Policy for Employees and the Domestic Abuse Policy for Residents, Tenants and Members as annexed to this report.

Corporate Priorities

A clean, safe and enjoyable environment
Providing good quality affordable homes, in particular for those most in need
Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery

Statutory Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer:

The policies provide a range of measures which will help the Council to assist victims of Domestic Abuse and they are therefore recommended for approval.

S151 Officer:

There are no additional short term funding requirements to support the implementation of these policies.

Advice

Cllr Griffiths introduced the report, shared thanks with Jodie and the officers for the report and was happy to take questions.

Cllr Tindall endorsed Cllr Griffiths comments on the hard work that has been put into this report; as the chair of the Domestic Abuse Forum he said that he would be pushing County to take note of the work that had taken place. He said the more that they could bring this into the light the more they can have an impact on this, as it was one of the most iniquitous crimes in our society.

There were no questions

Recommendation agreed

CA/8/21 COMMITTEE TIMETABLE

Decision

That Cabinet recommends Council approve the Committee Timetable for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix A to this report.

Corporate Priorities

The various meetings of the Council, Cabinet and Committees support the achievement of all the Council's Corporate Objectives;

A clean, safe and enjoyable environment

Building strong and vibrant communities

Ensuring economic growth and prosperity

Providing good quality affordable homes, in particular for those most in need

Statutory Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer:

This is a Monitoring Officer report.

S151 Officer:

No further comments to add.

Advice

Mark Brookes introduced the report and was happy to take questions.

Cllr Griffiths asked why we have a Full Council in January and February and suggests that they delete the January meeting, as it seemed to be a waste of resources, she understood why there was one in February for the budget agreement.

Cllr Williams asked if it was in the constitution to have a set number of Council Meetings.

Mark Brookes said it was not in the constitution it was more of an historical number and it was a decision for the members to make if they wished to remove one.

Cllr Griffiths said that her recommendation would be to remove the January Council.

Cllr Williams said that the February Council may be planned too early as it is on the 14th, this maybe before the County Council sets their budget.

Cllr Williams suggested that they have the Council in February at the end of February and switch it with the Cabinet meeting at the end of February 2024.

Mark Brookes said that they could take that away and re-do the dates.

The following changes were agreed.

Cabinet and Licensing moved from the 27th Feb to the 13th Feb

Council Moved from the 14th Feb to 28th Feb

Audit moved from 28th to the 14th to allow for Council

Group meetings moved to 27th Feb

Recommendations agreed

CA/9/21 TREASURY MANAGEMENT

Decision

That Cabinet recommends to Council acceptance of the report on Treasury Management performance for 2022/23.

Corporate Priorities

A clean, safe and enjoyable environment

Building strong and vibrant communities

Ensuring economic growth and prosperity

Providing good quality affordable homes, in particular for those most in need

Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery

Climate and ecological emergency

Statutory Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer:

No comments to add to the report.

Deputy S151 Officer:

This is a Deputy S151 Officer report. Comments are contained within the body of the report

Advice

Cllr Elliot introduced the report noting that it was straightforward as usual however; the economic update was a little out of date when it went at the end of September. He said that the main thing was that after this report there was a repayment of £10.5 million pounds of debt, they had a £600k discount on the capital among which saved them a net £200k in interest per year. He passed his thanks to the finance team for working very speedily and delivering on it. He was happy to take questions.

N Howcutt added that as of next year, the guidelines would slightly change with Treasury Management and they would be getting Treasury Management information quarterly as well as the quarterly financial reports as well as the mid-year and end of year requirements. They will see a bit more information, which would make it less foreign, a little more digestible than it had been historically.

Recommendations agreed

CA/10/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr Williams proposed a move into part 2

Seconded by Cllr Griffiths

**CA/11/21 TOTAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) CONTRACT - BENCHMARK
AND RECOMMISSION UPDATE**

This item is part 2, please see restricted Minutes.

The Meeting ended at 7.53 pm