

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 December 2019 at Council Chamber - County Hall, Lewes

PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair)
Councillors Nick Bennett (Vice Chair), Bill Bentley, Claire Dowling,
Carl Maynard, Rupert Simmons, Bob Standley and Sylvia Tidy

Members spoke on the items indicated

Councillor Bennett	- item 5 (minute 29)
Councillor Bentley	- item 5 (minute 29)
Councillor Godfrey Daniel	- item 5 (minute 29)
Councillor Davies	- items 5 and 6 (minutes 29 and 30)
Councillor Stephen Shing	- item 6 (minute 30)
Councillor Shuttleworth	- item 5 (minute 29)
Councillor Standley	- item 5 (minute 29)
Councillor Tidy	- item 6 (minute 30)
Councillor Tutt	- item 5 (minute 29)
Councillor Webb	- items 5 and 6 (minutes 29 and 30)
Councillor Whetstone	- item 6 (minute 30)

27 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2019

27.1 The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 November 2019 were agreed as a correct record

28 REPORTS

28.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book

29 COUNCIL MONITORING: QUARTER 2 2019/20

29.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive

29.2 It was RESOLVED to:

1) note the latest position for the County Council; and

2) approve the proposed amendment to the performance measure set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report.

Reason

29.3 The report sets out the Council's position and year end projections for the Council Plan targets, Revenue Budget, Capital Programme, Savings Plan together with Risks for 2019/20 quarter 2.

30 LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

30.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services.

30.2 It was RESOLVED to note the Annual Progress report of Looked After Children's Services in 2018/19

Reason

30.3 The report summarises the performance of Looked After Children's Services in 2018/19

31 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19 AND MID-YEAR REPORT 2019/20

31.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

31.2 It was RESOLVED – to note the Treasury Management performance in 2018/19 incorporating the Mid Year review for the first half of 2019/20.

Reason

31.3 This report fulfils the requirement to submit an annual/half yearly report in the form prescribed in the Treasury Management Code of Practice. Short term lending throughout the 18 month period covered achieved returns between 0.65% and 1.08%. The key principles of security, liquidity and yield are still relevant. Officers are currently investigating further opportunities within the strategy to minimise costs and increase investment income within the key principles.

32 ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2018/19

32.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

32.2 It was RESOLVED – to note the Annual Audit Letter and fee update for 2018/19.

Reason

32.3 The Annual Audit Letter summarises the key findings from the external audit of the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts for the Council and the East Sussex Pension Fund, together with the 2018/19 Value for Money conclusion and recommendations to management.

33 ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

33.1 The Cabinet agreed that agenda items 5 and 6 should be reported to the County Council.

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 29 and 30]