

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 November 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 20)
Councillor Godfrey Daniel	- item 5 (minute 20)
Councillor Davies	- items 5, 6 and 7 (minutes 20, 21 and 22)
Councillor Ensor	- item 6 (minute 21)
Councillor Field	- item 7 (minute 22)
Councillor Galley	- item 5 (minute 20)
Councillor Maynard	- item 6 (minute 21)
Councillor Scott	- item 5 (minute 20)
Councillor Stephen Shing	- item 5 (minute 20)
Councillor Stogdon	- item 7 (minute 22)
Councillor Tidy	- item 7 (minute 22)
Councillor Tutt	- item 5 (minute 20)
Councillor Ungar	- items 5 and 6 (minute 20 and 21)
Councillor Webb	- items 5, 6 and 7 (minutes 20, 21 and 22)
Councillor Whetstone	- item 7 (minute 22)

18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2019

18.1 The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 October 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

19 REPORTS

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

20 RECONCILING POLICY, PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES UPDATE

20.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

20.2 It was RESOLVED to:

1) welcome the additional one-off funding expected for 2020/21 but note that it is one-off and does not affect the savings position over the next Medium Term Financial Plan;

2) agree that planning continues on the basis that the 2% Adult Social Care precept is agreed by the County Council when setting the budget;

3) agree that, subject to funding being available, the savings in relation to Early Help family key workers (£0.981m) are not implemented in 2019/20 or 2020/21;

4) ask officers to continue to develop proposals for the one-off expenditure set out in paragraphs Q to AD in appendix 3 of the report and to invite Scrutiny Committees to consider the suggested proposals, along with any others suggested by Members; and

5) agree that lobbying should continue for a sustainable funding regime to meet the needs of residents of East Sussex.

Reason

20.3 The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) has been updated to reflect announcements since State of the County was presented to Cabinet on 16 July 2019. The position now shows a revised total deficit over the three-year MTFP of £25.4m. However, due to the nature of the one-off funding projected to be received in 2020/21, there is a surplus of £6.3m in 2020/21. This provides an opportunity to explore options for the use of this one-off surplus. The report sets out the options put forward to date.

21 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE CHANGING CARE MARKET: ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE - REPORT OF THE PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the People Scrutiny Committee and a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report.

21.2 It was RESOLVED to:

- 1) note and welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee; and
- 2) recommend the County Council to welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee and to agree the response of the Director of Adult Social Care and Health to the recommendations and their implementation as set out in the action plan attached as Appendix 1 to the Director's report.

Reason

21.3 The Scrutiny Review of the Changing Care Market: Adult Social Care Workforce is welcomed by the Adult Social Care Department. The Review builds on the work that was being taken forward across the County Council and provides practical recommendations which will help further enhance the support we offer as one council to the independent care sector regarding older people services

22 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SUPPORT TO UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN - REPORT BY THE PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the People Scrutiny Committee and a report by the Director of Children's Services with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report.

22.2 It was RESOLVED to:

- 1) note and welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee; and
- 2) recommend the County Council to welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee and to agree the response of the Director of Children's Services to the recommendations and their implementation as set out in the action plan attached as Appendix 1 to the Director's report.

Reason

22.3 The Scrutiny Review of Support for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children is welcomed by the Children's Services Department as it will help enhance the levels of support it already provides to this especially vulnerable group of children and young people. The Scrutiny Review has sought to develop practical, achievable recommendations that will complement the work already being undertaken to support young asylum-seekers.

23 DEED OF VARIATION TO THE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

23.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport together with a further report containing exempt information set out in a later agenda item.

23.2 It was RESOLVED to:

- 1) note the report and approve the principle of entering into the Deed of Variation to the Integrated Waste Management Services Contract; and
- 2) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to agree the final terms of the Deed of Variation to the Integrated Waste Management Services Contract

Reason

23.3 The Councils could have pursued dispute resolution earlier in the negotiations; however, this would have incurred considerable costs for the Councils and may ultimately have been unsuccessful in some or all of the disputes. The agreement reached with Veolia is considered to be positive for the Councils and resolves a number of current contractual and legacy issues dating back to the 2007 Holding Agreement.

23.4. The negotiated agreement represents a £10m reduction in contract costs across the life of the contract. Based on the Joint Working Agreement between East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC), the ESCC share of this is £6.9m and BHCC £3.1m. Further detail is provided under a later item on the agenda that contains exempt information.

24 ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

24.1 The Cabinet agreed that agenda items 5, 6 and 7 should be reported to the County Council.

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 20, 21 and 22]

25 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

25.1 It was RESOLVED to – exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda items on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

26 DEED OF VARIATION TO THE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

26.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

26.2 It was RESOLVED to – note the report.

Reason

26.3 The report contained exempt information in relation to an earlier item on the agenda.

