

CABINET
10TH MAY 2018

PRESENT: The Leader (Councillor Morgan)
The Deputy Leader (Councillor Barkley)
Councillors Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer,
Page, Poland, Smidowicz and Vardy

Councillor Taylor – Chair of the Overview Scrutiny Group

Chief Executive
Monitoring Officer/Head of Strategic Support
Deputy Section 151 Officer/Head of Finance and Property
Services
Strategic Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration and
Regulatory Services
Head of Planning and Regeneration
Head of Regulatory Services
Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing
Democratic Services Officer (LS)

The Leader stated that this meeting would be recorded and the sound recording subsequently made available via the Council's website. He also advised that, under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

125. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

No disclosures were made.

126. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader made the following announcement:

Councillor David Slater

"Given that this is the first Cabinet since the passing of our colleague and friend, David Slater, I thought it appropriate that I say just a few words about him, given that he led the Council, and chaired this particular committee, for almost seven years.

He was a very well respected councillor, not only at Charnwood, but throughout the County - making this Borough well represented and respected. I have received dozens of messages from those that had worked with him, and all mentioned his thoughtfulness, decency and kindness.

We will have the opportunity to remember all he did for this Borough and its residents on 4th June, when a memorial service will be held at 1pm at St

Bartholomew's Church, Quorn. I would ask that all those who knew David, or worked with him, to come along, so that we can say one last thank you."

127. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

128. QUESTIONS UNDER CABINET PROCEDURE 10.7

No questions had been submitted.

129. CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Considered a report of the Strategic Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration and Regulatory Services to consider a Corporate Enforcement Policy, which would set overarching principles for enforcement activities across the Council (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Strategic Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration and Regulatory Services and the Head of Regulatory Services assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that the Corporate Enforcement Policy, attached at Appendix A to the report of the Strategic Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration and Regulatory Services, be approved;
2. that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Regulatory Services, Enforcement and Licensing, to make minor amendments to the Corporate Enforcement Policy.

Reasons

1. To provide an overarching policy which will provide a framework to be applied to the Council's enforcement activities across service areas.
2. To ensure that the Policy is correct when published.

130. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT PLAN

Considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration to consider a revised Planning Enforcement Plan to guide officers in investigating alleged breaches of planning control (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

Councillor Taylor, Chair of the Overview Scrutiny Group, presented a report detailing the Group's pre-decision scrutiny of the matter and recommendation (copy filed with these minutes).

The Head of Planning and Regeneration assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that the Planning Enforcement Plan, attached at Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration, be approved;
2. that delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Planning, Inward Investment and Tourism Strategy, to make minor amendments to the Planning Enforcement Plan;
3. that the report of the Overview Scrutiny Group be noted.

Reasons

1. To ensure there is an up to date policy to guide planning enforcement investigations that dovetails with the Corporate Enforcement Policy and complies with the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. To ensure that the Plan is correct when published.
3. To acknowledge the work undertaken by and the views of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

131. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Considered a report of the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing to consider a Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy, which sought to ensure that all properties let as residential dwellings and those in private ownership throughout the Borough were of good quality and were well managed (item 8 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing, be approved;
2. that delegated authority be given to the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for

Regulatory Services, Enforcement and Licensing, to make minor amendments to the Policy;

3. that the recommendation of the Policy Scrutiny Group that the final version of the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy include as an objective that enforcement activity should involve the minimum of stages that was consistent with the Council's legal obligations and did not put the Council at risk, and that this had been addressed, be noted.

Reasons

1. To ensure that the Council can meet its obligations that all properties let as residential dwellings and those in private ownership throughout the Borough are of good quality and are well managed.
2. To ensure that the Policy is correct when published.
3. To acknowledge the work undertaken by and the views of the Policy Scrutiny Group and that these had been addressed.

132. HOUSING ACQUISITION POLICY

Considered a report of the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing to consider a Housing Acquisition Policy, which set out the Council's approach to acquiring accommodation to meet the housing needs for the Borough (item 9 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

Councillor Taylor, Chair of the Overview Scrutiny Group, presented a report detailing the Group's pre-decision scrutiny of the matter and recommendation (copy filed with these minutes).

The Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that the Housing Acquisition Policy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing, be approved;
2. that delegated authority be given to the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Housing, to make minor amendments to the Policy;
3. that the report of the Overview Scrutiny Group be noted.

Reasons

1. To ensure that the Council can meet its obligations in respect of the strategic housing needs of the Borough.

2. To ensure that the Policy is correct when published.
3. To acknowledge the work undertaken by and the views of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

133. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2018 -2022

Considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration to consider a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2018 – 2022, which set out the overall strategic direction of the Council in relation to its environmental performance and the challenges of climate change (item 10 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Planning and Regeneration assisted with consideration of the report. He confirmed that the latest Carbon Management Plan monitoring report could be made available to councillors and that any impacts from the Council's activities that had not yet been considered could be looked into.

RESOLVED

1. that the draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2022, attached as an appendix to the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration, be approved;
2. that delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Planning, Inward Investment and Tourism Strategy, to make minor amendments to the Strategy and Action Plan.

Reasons

1. To enable the approval of a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan that reflects the overall strategic direction of the Council in relation to its environmental performance and the challenges of climate change.
2. To ensure that the Strategy and Action Plan is correct when published.

134. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS 2018/19

Considered a report and a supplementary report of the Head of Strategic Support to consider appointments to outside bodies, including partnership bodies, charities and management committees (item 11 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Strategic Support assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that appointments be made to the outside bodies, as listed in Appendix 1 to the supplementary report of the Head of Strategic Support, for the Council year 2018/19 and until the appointments for the following Council year (2019/20) take effect, but with the following amendments;
 - (i) Barrow upon Soar Townlands Charity – Councillor Ranson to be listed as a representative for 2018/19;
 - (ii) Outwoods Management Committee – deletion of the reference to 1 further appointment being required for 2018/19;
 - (iii) John Storer Charnwood – Councillor Mercer to be listed as the 1 further appointment required for 2018/19;
2. that appointments be made to the charitable organisations, as listed in Appendix 2 to the supplementary report of the Head of Strategic Support, for the period indicated;
3. that the Head of Strategic Support be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Lead Member for Strategic Support and the relevant Group Leader where appropriate:
 - (i) to make appointments to any outside bodies and charitable organisations where nominations have not been received prior to or at the Cabinet meeting on 10th May 2018;
 - (ii) to find an alternative nominee, where the original nominee does not accept the appointment;
 - (iii) to make appointments to any outside bodies and charitable organisations for which the appointment was made in previous years for more than a year and the current appointee no longer wishes to continue in that role;
 - (iv) to reinstate appointments to outside bodies and charitable organisations which restart meetings;
 - (v) to withdraw appointments to any outside bodies and charitable organisations where it is determined that the body or organisation is no longer meeting;
 - (vi) to make appointments when new bodies are identified to which the Council can make appointments.

Reasons

1. To ensure that the Council is represented appropriately on outside bodies.
2. To ensure that the Council is represented appropriately on charitable organisations.
3. To ensure that appointments can be made without unnecessary delay and to end appointments which are no longer required.

135. MESSENGER CLOSE, LOUGHBOROUGH – OPTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

Considered a report of the Head of Finance and Property Services to consider additional funding for the development of land at Messenger Close, Loughborough (item 12 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Finance and Property Services assisted with the consideration of the report. She confirmed that the payback and yield for the project remained within acceptable parameters and highlighted that progression remained subject to Severn Trent Water's evaluation of the revised drainage proposals.

RESOLVED

1. that the release of an additional £60,000 funding from the Reinvestment Reserve to provide funding for the development be approved;
2. that changes to the capital plan arising from the revised funding requirements of this development be approved.

Reasons

1. To ensure that adequate funding is available for the completion of the development.
2. To ensure that the capital plan correctly reflects the revised funding of the development.

Notes

1. The decisions in these minutes not in the form of recommendations to Council will come into effect at noon on Friday, 18th May 2018 unless called in under Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 11.7.
2. No reference may be made to these minutes at the Council meeting on 25th June 2018 unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on Friday, 18th May 2018.
3. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Cabinet.