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CABINET

9 April 2018 at 5.00 pm

Present : Councillors Mrs Brown (Chairman), Wensley (Vice-Chairman) Bence, Charles, Clayden, Haymes and Wotherspoon.

Councillors Ambler, Buckland, Cooper and Mrs Oakley were also in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

523. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, representatives of the public, press and officers to the meeting.

524. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

525. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(a) Questions from the public (for a period of up to 15 minutes).

A question had been received from a member of the public who had submitted a question in advance of the meeting in accordance with the rules of the Council's Constitution. As the questioner was unable to attend the meeting the question, as detailed below, was not read out but a response was provided in writing.

(1) Councillor Charles, the Cabinet Member for Planning, was asked if he would study the Planning Inspectorate decision notice APP/M3835/W/17/3188691 relating to Poulter's Lane, Worthing and consider whether there was a case for Arun District Council to start requesting affordable housing contributions from smaller sites.

*(Please note that the question in these minutes is a summarised version and a full version with the answer has been published on the Council's website)*

526. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2018 were approved by the Cabinet as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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527. POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN ARUN

In introducing the report, the Chairman pointed out that this report was intended to provide clarity on the Council's position regarding the provision of public toilets that could be used by all. It was confirmed that the provision of public toilets was a non statutory service. However, it was stated that Arun District Council, like many other councils, had decided it was important to do so. Arun District Council had decided where toilet provision should be maintained and, in many cases, either rebuilt or refurbished.

It was noted that in certain locations new toilet facilities had been provided for old such as those on the promenade at Bognor Regis. Elsewhere, there would be refurbishment of existing facilities as and when that became necessary.

The Chairman referred to the provision of unisex toilet facilities. Successful examples of this had already been operational, for many years, at Arundel Museum and West Park, Bognor Regis, without complaint. Members were also reminded that all disabled toilets were unisex.

In turning to the recommendation, the Cabinet recognised the Council's modern and inclusive approach and welcomed the report's concepts as sensible for the provision of public toilets in Arun.

The Cabinet then confirmed its decision as per Decision Notice C/053/090418, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

528. GRANT TO ARUNDEL TOWN COUNCIL

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services presented the report on the Grant to Arundel Town Council that sought approval for a grant of £30,000 for improvements to Arundel's public realm.

It was explained that the Leisure and Cultural Strategy 2013-28 approved at Full Council on 15 May 2013 provided an action to improve Arundel's streetscape having identified that the quality of the public realm between the buildings is not as good as would be appropriate for a town of Arundel's quality.

In receiving the report, Cabinet fully supported its recommendation.

The Cabinet confirmed its decision as per Decision Notice C/054/090418, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

529. COMMITTEES SERVICES AND ELECTORAL SERVICES – CHANGE TO MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE FUNCTIONS

The Chief Executive presented his report that outlined a slight amendment from the original proposed management structure with change to the management of the Committee Services and Electoral Services teams, effective from 1 April 2018.

Cabinet confirmed their acceptance of the report's proposals and agreed the recommendation.

The Cabinet confirmed its decision as per Decision Notice C/055/090418, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

530. ARUN WELLBEING AND HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (AWHP) MINUTES – 19 FEBRUARY 2018

The Cabinet received and noted the Minutes of the Arun Wellbeing and Health Partnership from the meeting held on 19 February 2018.

531. ENVIRONMENT & LESIURE WORKING GROUP – 20 FEBRUARY 2018

In introducing the minutes of the Environment & Leisure Working Group, from the meeting held on 20 February 2018, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services referred Members to the recommendation at Minute 35.

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services praised the work of the Group Head of Neighbourhood Services and the Tree and Landscape Manager in producing the Tree Policy 2018-2028.

With agreement from Cabinet, Councillor Buckland spoke on this item and voiced his concern with respect to the Tree Policy and how this could detrimentally affect council tenants. He requested that the Council assist tenants by providing all necessary tree works. The Director of Services confirmed that council tenants were responsible for trees on their property but assured that exceptional circumstances would be investigated on a discretionary, case by case basis.

In response, the Cabinet were confident that Neighbourhood Services would carefully deal with each case presented to them in line with the proposed Tree Policy.

The Cabinet then confirmed its decision as per Decision Notice C/056/090418, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

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532. EXEMPT INFORMATION

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RESOLVED

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

533. DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD INTEREST IN WATERLOO SQUARE, BOGNOR REGIS – EXEMPT (Paragraph 3 – Information Relating to Internal Business Affairs)

The Cabinet Member for Technical Services presented this report with the Group Head of Technical Services which sought Cabinet's authority for the disposal of freehold land located at Waterloo Square, Bognor Regis.

In considering the report's recommendation the Cabinet were in full support.

The Cabinet confirmed its decision as per Decision Notice C/057/090418, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

(The meeting concluded at 5.22 pm)