

## **CABINET**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2023**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Nigel Barker (Chair) (in the Chair)  
Councillor Pat Kerry (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Jayne Barry  
Councillor Stephen Pickering

Councillor Joseph Birkin  
Councillor Kathy Rouse

#### **Also Present:**

J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources & (Section 151 Officer)
L Hickin	Managing Director - Head of Paid Service
M Broughton	Director of Growth and Assets
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
H Fairfax	Planning Policy Manager
A Maher	Governance Manager
D Stanton	Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

#### **CAB/ Apologies for Absence**

7/23-

24 No apologies for absence were received.

#### **CAB/ Declarations of Interest**

8/23-

24 None.

#### **CAB/ Minutes of the Last Meetings**

9/23-

24 RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2023 were noted, and the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2023 were approved.

#### **CAB/ Planning / Environmental Enforcement Scrutiny Review**

10/2

3-24

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the review report for the Planning/Environmental Enforcement Scrutiny Review, which was carried out by the previous Administration's Organisation Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet discussed the conclusions of the Committee in the report. At the conclusion of the discussion, Members indicated that they wished to note the recommendations of the report, and for the recommendations to be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.

The Chair thanked the officers and Members involved in producing the review report.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Organisation Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.
- (2) That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.

REASONS FOR DECISION – To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED – No other options were considered.

**CAB/ Engagement with Business Scrutiny Review**

**11/2**

**3-24**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the review report for the Engagement with Business Scrutiny Review, which was carried out by the previous Administration's Growth Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet discussed the conclusions of the Committee in the report. At the conclusion of the discussion, Members indicated that they wished to note the recommendations of the report, and for the recommendations to be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.

The Chair thanked the officers and Members involved in producing the review report.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Growth Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.
- (2) That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.

REASONS FOR DECISION – To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED – No other options were considered.

**CAB/ Leisure Provision for Older Residents Scrutiny Review**

**12/2**

**3-24**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the review report for the Leisure Provision for Older Residents Scrutiny Review, which was carried out by the previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet discussed the conclusions of the Committee in the report. At the conclusion of the discussion, Members indicated that they wished to note the recommendations of the report, and for the recommendations to be considered as part of the development process for the new Council plan.

The Chair thanked the officers and Members involved in producing the review report.

**RESOLVED -**

- (1) That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.
- (2) That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.

**REASONS FOR DECISION** – To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED** – No other options were considered.

**CAB/ Adoption of the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

**13/2**

**3-24**

The report to Cabinet set out representations received to the public consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement, with a view to adopting the final version of the document.

Cabinet discussed the responses to the consultation and the revised SCI document. At the conclusion of the discussion, Members indicated their support for the responses from officers to the public consultation, and the revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) document.

**RESOLVED -**

- (1) That Cabinet approved the Officer responses to the representations received to the public consultation on the Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), as set out in the Consultation Statement in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (2) That Cabinet adopted and brought into effect the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in Appendix 2 to the report to replace the current SCI (2014).

**REASONS FOR DECISION** – To formalise the Council's response to the comments received during the consultation on the draft SCI, and to enable the document to be formally adopted as the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED** – The preparation of a Statement of Community Involvement and its review every five years from its adoption date is a statutory requirement and there are no reasonable alternative options.

**CAB/ Urgent Items (Public)**

**14/2**

**3-24**

None.

**CAB/ 15/2**  
**Exclusion of Public**

**3-24** RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item(s) of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

**CAB/ 16/2**  
**Housing at North Wingfield (Whiteleas) Development**

**3-24** Cabinet considered a report proposing the acquisition of a property in North Wingfield for use as temporary accommodation within the Council's homelessness service.

Cabinet discussed the proposals in the report and the actions taken in the lead up to this meeting. At the conclusion of the discussion Members indicated their support for the proposed approach.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet endorsed the purchase of the property in North Wingfield to help reduce hotel costs and to safeguard the property and local community.

REASONS FOR DECISION – By acquiring the property, the Council will be able to significantly reduce the use of hotels by its Homelessness Service and the associated costs, whilst also increasing its emergency housing capacity, at a time when pressures on the Homelessness Service are greater than ever before.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED – Not to take up the option of purchase would mean that a reduction of hotel costs would not be achieved. The property might also be purchased by a new provider. In certain circumstances this could result in Anti-Social Behaviour problems in and around the property.

(Paragraphs 3 & 5)

**CAB/ 17/2**  
**Purchase of Property in North Wingfield**

**3-24** Cabinet considered a report proposing a change of tenure mix for the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield.

Cabinet discussed the proposals in the report and the actions taken in the lead up to this meeting. At the conclusion of the discussion Members indicated their support for the proposed approach.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet agreed to the proposed change of tenure mix required on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield.

REASONS FOR DECISION – Developing the vacant Council owned land at Whiteleas supports the delivery of new homes in the District. Changing the mix supports the Council's commitment to the delivery of high-quality affordable housing for rent in the District.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED – Continuing with existing mix of tenures was rejected, due to risk of sales due to worsening economic and market conditions.

(Paragraph 3)

**CAB/** **Urgent Items (Private)**  
**18/2**  
**3-24** None.