

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 17 February 2011

Present

Cabinet Members:

Councillors

Alan Farnell (Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet)
John Appleton (Support Portfolio Holder for Economy and Housing)
Peter Butlin (Workforce and Governance)
Alan Cockburn (Environment and Economy)
Colin Hayfield (Customers, Workforce and Partnerships)
Richard Hobbs (Community Safety)
Izzi Seccombe (Adult Social Care)
Bob Stevens (Health and Deputy Leader).

Non-Voting Invitees:

Councillor June Tandy (Leader of the Labour Group)
Councillor Jerry Roodhouse (Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group)

Other Members:

Councillors Peter Balaam, Les Caborn, Richard Chattaway, Ron Cockings, Jose Compton, Jim Foster, Barry Lobbett, Tim Naylor, Clive Rickhards, Carolyn Robbins, Jerry Roodhouse, John Ross, Sid Tooth, Claire Watson, Helen Walton, John Whitehouse, Chris Williams and David Wright.

1. General

(1) Apologies for absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Martin Heatley (Resources) and Heather Timms (Children, Young People and Families)

Apologies were also submitted on behalf of Jim Graham (Chief Executive) and Graeme Smith (Chief Fire Officer. Gary Phillips. Deputy Chief Fire Officer attended in his place).

(2) Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Item 5. Civil Parking Enforcement Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough

Councillor June Tandy declared a prejudicial interest in item 5 as a member of her family may become involved at some stage in the proceedings.

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2011

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2011 be approved as a correct record.

2. Draft School Organisation Framework 2011-2014

Councillor Carolyn Robbins presented a report of the Strategic Director for children, Young People and Families setting out the issues and guidelines for school planning that had been considered in the production of a draft School Organisation Framework proposed for consultation. (It was noted that the period covered by the Framework would be 2011 to 2014 not 2010 to 2014 as printed on the draft document).

Following discussion it was agreed that the outcome of consultation be considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, before consideration by Cabinet.

Resolved

That Cabinet approves consultation with stakeholders and that the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the outcome of consultation before decision by Cabinet.

3. Strategic Plan and Business Case to meet the needs of excluded pupils or those at high risk of exclusion including primary schools.

Councillor Carolyn Robbins presented proposals for a strategic plan and business case to meet the needs of excluded pupils or those at risk of exclusion as requested by Cabinet in December, following a scrutiny review.

During discussion, the meeting was reminded that academies would remain responsible for the educational outcomes of any pupil they excluded, and would continue to fund them, although it was uncertain what the level of funding would be.

It was noted that work was underway with chairs of the Area Attendance and Behaviour partnerships looking at the implications of establishing Learning Support units for each school or of having collaborative arrangements. It was also noted that a bid had been made to Government for Warwickshire to be in one of the national pilots.

Resolved

(1) That Cabinet agrees the business case for change.

- (2) That Cabinet agrees the strategic plan as appended to the report.
- (3) That Cabinet notes the update on urgent recommendations put to the previous Cabinet meeting.
- (4) That Cabinet agrees to consult schools and stakeholders on the proposed closure of the Seymour Centre and Merrtens Centre.

4. Supporting Voluntary and Community Organisations

Councillor Colin Hayfield (Portfolio Holder for Customers, Workforce and Partnerships) presented a report setting out progress on actions agreed by Cabinet in June 2010 and proposals for further action.

Councillor June Tandy, Leader of the Labour Group, expressed concern that district and boroughs may not all have been consulted on proposals regarding integration of community grants and that Area Committees had not discussed this. The meeting was reminded that the proposal had come forward in response to Cabinet's request to streamline the process for those applying for funding, working with districts and boroughs in an integrated approach to applications. It was agreed that this must be with member agreement and that area committees determine how decisions are made on funding locally.

Resolved

That Cabinet notes progress against implementation of the actions agreed on 17th June 2010, and agrees the following as detailed in the report:

- (1) The new Warwickshire Compact for implementation from 1st April 2011.
- (2) Consultation on the basis of the Council's appointments onto outside bodies.
- (3) Proposals for integrated community grants from 1st April 2011, recognising that area committees will determine the arrangements for decision making in relation to the community funds in their areas.
- (4) Proposals around the future of community support services, and advice & financial inclusion services.
- (5) The protocol for the lease or transfer of public assets to community interests.

5. Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough

Councillor June Tandy declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting during the discussion and resolution of this item.

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economy) presented a report from the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy that set out the recommendations of a Joint Member Working Group for the introduction of an enforcement service covering the district of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough.

The report also included the views of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee and that Committee's request for the decision to be deferred.

Paul Galland, Strategic Director of Environment and Economy, advised that the recommended option took account of the flexibility of use of resources and presented the best value for money. He added that if it found not to be effective then it could be looked at again and consideration given to bringing in on street parking charges.

Cabinet agreed that a decision should be taken on this long running issue and confirmed their support for Option 1 but agreed that a review be undertaken following 12 months of implementation.

Resolved

- (1) That an application for a Civil Enforcement Area (CEA) covering the district of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough in line with Option 1 as set out in the report, be pursued and submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport.
- (2) That the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy be authorised, in line with Option 1 as set out in this report, to negotiate and extend the existing agency agreement with Rugby Borough Council upon detailed terms satisfactory to him and the Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder and the Leader of the Council.
- (3) That a review be undertaken after 12 months of implementation.

6. Waste Core Strategy – Emerging Spatial Options Document

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economy) presented a report from the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy proposing approval of the Waste Core Strategy Emerging Spatial Options document for public consultation from March 2011.

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approves the Emerging Spatial Options document as the basis of public participation in accordance with Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2008, and
- (2) That Cabinet authorises the Strategic Director to finalise the consultation document, including making any minor modifications, to prepare any related materials and to carry out such public participation as he considers expedient in accordance with Regulation 25, subject to any impending changes in legislation and in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder and the Leader of the Council.

7 Transport Capital Programme 2011-12

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economy) presented proposals for detailed allocations of funding, following Council's approval on 15 February of a capital allocation for 2011-12 to maintain the structural integrity and user safety of Warwickshire's highway network.

Resolved

That the proposed allocations set out in Table 1 of the report be approved.

8. Any Other Items

None.

9. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

Resolved

That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the items mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of the Government Act 1972.

10. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 January 2011

Resolved

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2011 be approved as a correct record.

The meeting rose at 3.15 p.m.

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Chairman