

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

CABINET

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Wednesday, 19th July, 2017

Present:

Councillor Tim Warren	Leader of the Council and Conservative Group Leader
Councillor Charles Gerrish	Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency, Conservative Deputy Group Leader North East Somerset
Councillor Vic Pritchard	Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Paul Myers	Cabinet Member for Economic and Community Regeneration
Councillor Karen Warrington	Cabinet Member for Policy and Transformation
Councillor Paul May	Cabinet member for Children and Young People
Councillor Mark Shelford	Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

97 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair informed the meeting that Councillor Martin Veal had resigned from the post of Cabinet Member for Community Services due to personal reasons.

The Chair also welcomed the new Members of the Cabinet.

98 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Senior Democratic Services Officer drew attention to the evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda.

99 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Bob Goodman has send his apologies for this meeting.

100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

101 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair informed the meeting that he had agreed to take one urgent item (Park and Ride East of Bath) at agenda item 12.

102 QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

There were 28 questions from Councillors and 5 questions from members of the public.

[Copies of the questions and responses, including supplementary questions and responses if any, have been placed on the Minute book as Appendix and are available on the Council's website.]

103 STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

David Redgewell read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where he highlighted transport issues in the West of England Combined Authority.

Dione Pemberton read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where she expressed her concerns against Modern Libraries options for Bath consultation.

Caroline and Kiki Ambrose read out their statements (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where she expressed their concerns against Modern Libraries options for Bath consultation.

Gillian Kirk read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where she expressed her concerns against Modern Libraries options for Bath consultation.

Fiona Carne read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where she expressed her concerns against changes to rubbish collection.

Ben Palmer read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where he expressed his concerns against adoption of the HMO Policy.

104 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

105 CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

There were none.

106 MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

There were none.

107 SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet agreed to note the report.

108 PARK & RIDE EAST OF BATH

Annie Kilvington read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where she welcomed the report though she expressed her concerns that the report had not highlighted objections from a number of organisations and individuals.

Christine Boyd read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where she welcomed the report though she expressed her concerns on the lack of survey and detail of where the traffic is going and why.

Andrew Mercer read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where he welcomed the report though he expressed his concerns that the views of the stakeholders were not taken on board and that project planning had failed.

Nicolette Boater read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*).

Patrick Rotheram read out the statement (*available on the Minute Book at Democratic Services*) where he expressed Federation of Bath Residents' Associations concerns on the future of transport in Bath.

Councillor Andrew Furse said that, as per bullet point 2.5 of the report, there was no capital scheme attached to revenue revision and this money would need to be seen as revenue expenditure. Councillor Andrew Furse expressed his concerns that the revenue would be attached to other balances which would put the Council in difficult situation.

Councillor Richard Samuel said that he was astonished to find out that there was no survey held on asking drivers why they come to the city. Councillor Richard Samuel also said that for such expensive scheme there should be a survey on drivers' behaviours and urged the Cabinet to conduct such survey before any further plans.

Councillor Alison Millar welcomed the decision though she also expressed her concerns that there was no relevant traffic survey. Councillor Alison Millar also urged the Cabinet to enforce long term protection of that area so the residents would not get stressed out with another or similar proposal.

Councillor Geoff Ward said that he was delighted with the Cabinet decision not to go ahead with Park and Ride East of Bath. Councillor Geoff Ward recognised that this was a difficult decision and congratulated the Cabinet on it, and asked the Cabinet to enforce a long term protection of that area and give Site F under control of Parish Council.

Councillor Neil Butters said that Liberal Democrat Group was delighted with the decision not to go ahead with Park and Ride East of Bath, though years of unnecessary work put into this scheme could have been avoided long time ago. Councillor Neil Butters urged the Cabinet to listen next time what the majority of residents want.

Councillor Mark Shelford thanked everyone who addressed the Cabinet on this matter. Councillor Mark Shelford also said that he would make sure that correct data would be used for transport in Bath scheme and had stressed that it would be

absolutely fundamental for an early stakeholder engagement in the process. Road safety would be a priority for the scheme and alternative transport scheme would involve an input from the West of England Combined Authority.

Councillor Mark Shelford moved the recommendations as printed.

Councillor Tim Warren seconded the motion by thanking Councillor Mark Shelford on moving the recommendations. Councillor Tim Warren also said that a lot of work had been done since January 2017, which had been outlined in the report.

Councillor Vic Pritchard said that some people were delighted though there were some people who would be disappointed with the decision. Councillor Vic Pritchard said that the Cabinet should thank the officers on work that they had put in.

Councillor Paul May said that he was delighted that transport to school issues would be considered in the scheme.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

1.1 Cease progressing site B as a possible location for a Park & Ride site to the east of Bath for access safety reasons and because it has not been possible to negotiate the purchase of the land within a reasonable timescale; and to cease progressing site F because of potential access safety issues.

1.2 Continue to implement new opportunities emerging from the Joint Transport Plan for the West of England and new mayoral transport powers associated with the recently created West of England Combined Authority to address the transport issues facing Bath and North East Somerset to ensure that we sustain economic growth and support the provision of new homes.

1.3 To continue to investigate and implement approved schemes as identified in paragraph 4.13 of this report.

109 MODERN LIBRARIES OPTIONS FOR BATH

Councillor Dine Romero started her statement by asking the Cabinet why had already dismissed three options out of five before local residents had their say on their preferences. Councillor Dine Romero also said that the Cabinet had not explored other options to deliver £800k in savings and urged the Cabinet to pause the consultation and consider other options for the Podium library.

Councillor Richard Samuel said that two of the least desirable options had been highlighted. Councillor Richard Samuel expressed his concerns about the consultation and felt that the Council would have to borrow the money in order to achieve some savings, and urged the Cabinet to end this scheme.

Councillor Joe Rayment said that political circumstances had changed nationally and urged the Leader of the Council to ask central government for a financial support for libraries.

Councillor Tim Warren said that the Council had made provision for a capital budget of £5.953m plus £0.773m identified balances (a total of £6.726m overall) in order to

deliver the modern libraries programme with focus on the delivery of integrated Library and One Stop Shop services in Bath. The proposed scope of works for each of the two options was described within the business case. The capital costs used in the analysis were derived using standard rates and calculations were only on the assumption that all integrated services would be delivered from each site. No design had been developed at this stage. This had been done in order to assess and confirm assumptions on indicative costs and timescale. The design work would commence on the chosen option once the budget is approved later this year.

On a request from Councillor Tim Warren, Andrew Pate (Strategic Director Resources) explained that the Council was well protected under the lease, as explained in the Appendix 2 of the report.

Councillor Tim Warren moved the recommendations as printed.

Councillor Paul Myers seconded the motion by welcoming the consultation scheme which would be of the community benefit.

Councillor Charles Gerrish highlighted a success of the Keynsham Library which has integrated with One Stop Shop. Councillor Charles Gerrish also said that savings set by Library Services were integral part of the budget.

Councillor Karen Warrington said that this Cabinet had been proactive in keeping libraries open whilst other Council had had to close their libraries, and also highlighted a success of Keynsham Libraries integration with One Stop Shop.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

- 2.1 Note and be cognisant of the Business Case and the appendices, in particular the consultation proposals at appendix F (1, 2 & 3).
- 2.2 Approve the proposed consultation approach as set out in Appendix F (1, 2 & 3) in order to determine the preferred option.
- 2.3 Receive a further report in October which will include consultation findings, a further Equalities Impact Assessment of the selected option to implement and a request to approve capital funding.

110 REVENUE & CAPITAL OUTTURN 2016/17

Councillor Andrew Furse expressed his concerns that the revenue budget outturn overspend for 2016/17 was £2.221m and felt that the present performance was damaging the credibility of the Council.

Councillor Charles Gerrish said that this report had provided information about the Council's financial performance against its revenue and capital budgets in 2016/17. The report had identified that after allowing for carry forwards, the Council overspent by £2.221m, which to give some context, represents less than 1% of gross budgeted spend excluding schools. It was proposed that the overspend is funded by drawdowns from both the Revenue Budget Contingency (£1.155m) and the Adult Social Care Reserve (£1.066m). The 2016/17 revenue budget had included a

requirement for the delivery of £12.644m of savings and additional income generation of which over 90% were achieved during the year.

The ongoing implications arising from the year end position would be considered as part of the 2017/18 budget monitoring process, including appropriate mitigating actions.

The capital spend in 2016/17 was £53.910m against a budget of £78.591m giving a variance of £24.681m, primarily reflecting the delivery time to complete projects moving into future financial periods. Of this variance, £23.932m was requested for carry forward to 2017/18 to cover re-phased costs of capital projects.

Councillor Charles Gerrish moved the recommendations as printed.

Councillor Paul May seconded the motion by thanking Councillor Charles Gerrish and the officers on the report. Councillor Paul May also said that the Council was in difficult situation, with even more difficult task to achieve savings.

The rest of the Cabinet Members highlighted financial pressures within their portfolios.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

2.1 The revenue budget outturn overspend of £2.221m for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 2 is noted.

2.2 The revenue carry forward proposals and write-off requests listed in the tables in Appendix 4 are approved.

2.3 Transfers from Earmarked Reserves to fund the revenue overspend are agreed as set out in Appendix 1 paragraph 1.8.

2.4 The revenue virements for 2016/17 reported for information in Appendix 6(i) are noted.

2.5 The resulting reserves position shown in Appendix 1 paragraph 1.10 is noted and that unearmarked reserves remain at the target level of £13.5m (excluding Invest to Save drawdowns).

2.6 The provisional outturn of the 2016/17 capital programme in Appendix 7, and the funding as laid out in the table in Appendix 1 Paragraph 1.20, is noted.

2.7 The capital rephasing and write-off of net underspends as listed in Appendix 8 are approved. This reflects the outturn spend position on projects against final budgets as detailed in Appendix 9.

2.8 The adjustments to the 2016/17 to 2021/22 capital programme as recorded in Appendix 10, and the final capital programme for 2016/17 in Appendix 9 are noted.

The meeting ended at 5.50 pm

Chair _____

Date Confirmed and Signed _____

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