

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

CABINET

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Wednesday, 22nd July, 2020

Present:

Councillor Dine Romero	Council Leader and Liberal Democrat Group Leader
Councillor Rob Appleyard	Cabinet Member for Adult Services
Councillor Tim Ball	Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, and Economic Development
Councillor Neil Butters	Cabinet Member for Transport Services
Councillor Paul Crossley	Cabinet Member for Community Services
Councillor Kevin Guy	Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Councillor Richard Samuel	Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources
Councillor Sarah Warren	Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services
Councillor David Wood	Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services
Councillor Joanna Wright	Cabinet Member for Transport Services

23 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting by explaining that this meeting is being held under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. The Council has agreed a protocol to cover virtual meetings and this meeting would operate in line with that protocol. The meeting has the same status and validity as a meeting held in the Guildhall.

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Senior Democratic Services read out the following declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest on behalf of Councillor Shaun Hughes in respect of his question to Councillor Richard Samuel;

'Further to my question regarding support of our retail tenants I wish to declare that I rent a serviced office within Unit 22 Midsomer Enterprise Park, and this building is owned and run by BANES council.

To be clear, my business at Unit 22 has not applied for or received and grants or benefits from this Council. Other tenants within this building have applied for support; however, I have no interest in this and to further clarify my business is not in any way

a retail business and my question is regarding the survival of our retail business sector.'

There were no other declarations of interest made.

26 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was none.

27 QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

There were 10 questions from Councillors and 2 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 1 and are available on the Council's website.]

28 STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

The Chair informed the meeting that there were 14 registered speakers for this meeting.

Note: All statements were read out after item 10 of the agenda.

David Redgewell read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 2 and on the Council's website]* where he expressed his concerns around the transport in ex-Avon area and with the Western Gateway Transport Plan.

Councillor Mark Elliott addressed the Cabinet by saying that residents of Lansdown Ward would prefer not to see change of use of Lansdown approach golf course. Councillor Elliott added that he was aware of financial pressures the Council was under, but the site was an iconic green space in the centre of Bath and the best option would be to find a specialist golf provider to manage the site. Councillor Elliott concluded his statement by saying that there would be a need for a proper public consultation if there was a proposal for significant change of use for this site.

Adam Gretton (the Chair of More Trees BANES) read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 3 and on the Council's website]* where he spoke in support of Avon Wildlife Trust's bid for Entry Hill Golf Course.

Robin Kerr (Chair of the Federation of Bath Residents' Associations) read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 4 and on the Council's website]* where he suggested that the criteria for marking bids should be

made public, and that the final decision should be made either by the Cabinet of Full Council.

Emilio Pimentel-Reid (Chairman Friends of the High Common) read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 5 and on the Council's website]* where he welcomed comments from Councillor Paul Crossley that there would be no physical changes to the park, no additional allotments built and no change from the current golf activities.

Elizabeth Hallam addressed the Cabinet about Entry Hill Golf Course, by saying that the course was not yet out for the count. Nearby golf courses were flourishing, and the consultation was against continuing golf provision at this golf course. The golf proposal has attracted more than 1,000 signatures and the bid from local businessman should be supported.

Nicolette Boater read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 6 and on the Council's website]* in regards of Future of Entry Hill and Approach Golf Courses agenda item.

Katina Beckett (Chair of the Entry Hill Community Association) read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 7 and on the Council's website]* where she had a number of suggestions for the Entry Hill Golf Course.

Amy Coulthard (speaking as Bath resident and Director of Conservation at Avon Wildlife Trust) read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 8 and on the Council's website]* where she urged the Council to make addressing the ecological and climate crisis the most important factor in determining the future of all their land holdings which would instigate a green recovery for the city.

Adam Reynolds (Walk Ride Bath) read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 9 and on the Council's website]* where he asked the Council to ensure that any use of Entry Hill would facilitate the long term delivery of Scholars Way, by ensuring that walking and cycling routes across the grounds at the top and bottom of the site are planned and agreed before awarding any contracts.

Councillor Winston Duguid read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 10 and on the Council's website]* where he supported the proposal to go out to tender as soon as possible and reach a decision based on the four criteria mentioned in the report in respect of Entry Hill Golf Course.

Patricia Ludlam (Sion Hill and Summerhill Road Residents Association) read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 11 and on the Council's website]* where she said that the residents want the golf to continue on the 18-hole Approach Golf course

Councillor Lucy Hodge addressed the Cabinet by saying that residents of Lansdown Ward would prefer that Approach Golf Course should not change its use. The site should be well maintained and not over commercialised. It is an iconic site for Bath. A provision of golf as a recreational opportunity with affordable price for visitors to Bath should be supported.

Nicolette Boater read out a statement *[a copy of which is attached to the Minutes as Appendix 12 and on the Council's website]* in regards of Update on Corporate Strategy Progress and Issues agenda item.

29 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

On a motion from Councillor Rob Appleyard, seconded by Councillor Kevin Guy, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

30 CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

There were none.

31 MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

There were none.

32 SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet agreed to note that there were no Single Cabinet Member decisions made since the previous Cabinet meeting.

33 FUTURE OF ENTRY HILL AND APPROACH GOLF COURSES

The Chair invited Councillor Paul Crossley to introduce the report.

Before reading out the statement, Councillor Paul Crossley thanked to all speakers who addressed the Cabinet today and responded to speakers' statements by highlighting the following points

- The anti-social behaviour was not unique just for golf courses; it was an issue that the Council would be taking up across all parks in Bath and North East Somerset.
- There were nearly 2,000 responses from postcodes in BANES, out of which 10% was from young people, which was quite unique and welcome.
- The decision would not be made based on bias.

- The fact that people were cycling around, and up and down the course, would not mean that the Council would want to create cycle route. The Council would go through the consultation responses and then make final decision.
- Signage would have to improve.

Councillor Paul Crossley read out the following statement:

'First of all I would like to thank the leisure section of the Council who have put so much time and effort into this item, to Lemon Gazelle who ran our consultation, GLL and to the many many residents who engaged in the process at the consultation , on line and also via the many hundreds of emails I have had on these proposals. I recognize and understand the passion with which people hold their favourite pastime in.

The two sites have been closed since the start of the consultation so that our debt does not increase and the sites will remain closed until we have appointed new operators for the sites.

We originally anticipated making a decision on the future of the Entry Hill site based on the results of the consultation that took place a few months ago.

However the consultation process ignited a lot of interest in the site and this has led to a number of parties submitting bids or proposals that respond well to the criteria that were set out in the consultation. These were 1. Addressing climate change 2. Encouraging more people to be more active, more often and 3. Ensuring the site does not require a financial subsidy from the Council in the future.

And then came Covid.

In addition to a climate emergency and a nature emergency we also now have a financial emergency.

This has resulted in us supporting GLL and working with them in partnership on getting our sporting facilities back in use. And that is why The Approach 12 hole and Approach 18 hole have been added to the decision.

In recent weeks at least 3 leisure trusts have gone out of business, locked up the facilities and handed the keys back to the local Council.

We do not want that to happen here.

Sport and leisure is a very important part of what makes living in Bath and NE Somerset such an attractive option for all our residents.

The interest that has been sparked by this consultation and is in marked contrast to the previous time the golf offer was put out under a previous administration when no interest was shown.

At this point I will describe the 3 sites:-

EH 9 hole par 3 Golf on the Wellsway. Over recent years it has seen a decline in use. There are other comparable course in the area. However it has a very loyal group of users especially older lady players. It is also popular with dog walkers.

*Approach 18 18 hole par 3 Pitch and Putt and a very important part of the open visual landscape for central Bath. It has several public rights of way across it and is well used by a variety of groups in addition to golfers including dog walkers.
Approach 12 par 3 Pitch and Putt and also an important part of the landscape that makes Bath special.*

What is certain is that with our financial situation as it is and with the cuts we are making we CANNOT continue to subsidise the current model of operation at Entry Hill and Approach.

The losses at Entry Hill are well advertised through the consultation and run in excess of £80k pa. The losses at Approach are less well known but the last 3 years have been £40.7K, £29.6K and £31.9K. Whatever else it is not right for the tax payer of B&NES that public money is continued to be used to support the current model of operation at these two sites.

We have had detailed proposals on new ways of working and new ideas for use of the sites ranging from golf to disc-golf to cycling to sculpture parks to allotments to forest school.

These proposals have different levels of detail in them and so are difficult to compare easily.

Indeed some are just outline ideas.

Awarding a contract to one of these proposals or making a decision on the future of any site at this stage would not be a fair and equitable approach and would not meet the Council's procurement regulations.

In fact the proposals are evolving over time as they start to consider how other ideas can complement their key proposal.

As a result of this the Council has concluded that an open procurement process that is evaluated against the same criteria that were used during the consultation process as well as taking into account the results of the consultation is the most appropriate way forward at this time.

To be fair to all the bidding parties and the various users of the sites we will hold this exercise as speedily as is possible under procurement rules.'

Councillor Paul Crossley moved the recommendations as per report.

The Chair seconded the motion by thanking to all of those that came today to make a statement on the future of Entry Hill and Approach Golf courses, and also to everyone who took part in the consultation. The Cabinet felt that it was important that the future of these courses was moved on to the next stage, as soon as possible. The responses received in the consultation would move this issue forward.

Councillor Paul Crossley clarified that the Cabinet Members would be briefed on regular basis on this matter before making the final decision.

Councillor Kevin Guy commented that community views and opinions must be taken fully into account with full and open transparency along the way.

Councillor Tim Ball said that the Cabinet would need to make quick decision on this matter due to ongoing cost for those sites. Councillor Ball welcomed that Cabinet Members would be briefed on regular basis before making the final decision.

Councillor David Wood thanked all those who participated in the consultation and said that this was great example on how a consultation should be conducted. Councillor Wood also agreed that the decision must be transparent, and it would need to take climate, ecological and financial emergency into account.

Councillor Richard Samuel gave some clarification on what would happen next. Once the Cabinet agree with the recommendations, the tendering process would commence. The officers would produce a tender report, which would analyse the results of tenders' proposals in line with its appropriate weighting to the different types of proposal. After that stage, Councillors Crossley and Samuel would be consulted on the outcome of that tender process. If there were any concerns about the delegation to the Director of Environment in appointing the contract then it would probably come back to the Cabinet, for final decision. Councillor Samuel added that sufficient safeguards were in place and expressed his support for this matter to go forward.

Councillor Rob Appleyard also supported the motion by adding that certain amount of importance is given to mass participation and use of the site rather than just focused on too narrow a group of people.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

- 2.1 Agree the next steps for the future uses of Entry Hill and Approach golf courses
- 2.2 Note the results of the community consultation exercise in relation to Entry Hill
- 2.3 Recommend that an open procurement exercise is undertaken that allows all proposals to be properly considered and evaluated against an agreed set of criteria. Proposals for community and sporting provision only will be considered. Ensure that bidders are able to tender for one or both of the sites as desired.
- 2.4 Delegate to the Director of Environment authority to appoint a contractor in accordance with the Council's prescribed governance and procurement process in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Communities

34 BATH CLEAN AIR PLAN GRANT SETTLEMENT - JULY 2020

3.40pm - The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short break

3.48pm – The Chair reconvened the meeting.

The Chair invited Councillor Sarah Warren to introduce this report.

Councillor Sarah Warren read out the following statement:

'It is my pleasure to introduce this paper on the grant settlement in relation to Bath's Clean Air Zone. As you know, poor air quality is one of the most significant threats to public health in the UK. Bath is under a legal imperative to bring in a Clean Air Zone, introducing a daily charge for the most polluting vans, buses, taxis and HGVs entering the city centre, to reduce illegal levels of nitrogen dioxide pollution.'

In the last 4 months, we have seen a significant and welcome reduction in nitrogen dioxide around the city, accompanying the reduction in traffic due to coronavirus lockdown. However, traffic levels are unfortunately now returning to more usual levels, and with them, pollution. We received written confirmation last week from Ministers that we must therefore go ahead and implement the Clean Air Zone, as per the full business case submitted to the Joint Air Quality Unit earlier this year. We were asked by Government to defer our original start date of November this year, to early 2021, due to coronavirus, and we are on track to deliver in time for this new deadline. No specific date has yet been agreed with Government. As soon as we have an agreed date, we will inform the public, and run an extensive media and communication programme running up to “go live”, to ensure everyone who needs to know, is aware.

Over the past few months we have been in negotiation with Government, challenging the initial funding offer for the Clean Air Zone, which fell significantly short of our original request. Government has now agreed to provide up to £15.5m to implement the scheme and support affected businesses, bringing the total funding package to £23.5m. Having already completed much of the build, and revisited our financial models, we feel confident that this will be sufficient. We are still negotiating with Government around the costs of running the central service to operate the zone. Since the start of lockdown, we’ve been talking to a wide range of businesses and trade associations to understand the impact the pandemic has had on them, and how they see the road to recovery unfolding, and we have been considering how we might improve our support package for them, whilst still achieving our air quality objective.

We have now amended the terms of our financial assistance scheme to provide further help, in the form of additional flexibility for businesses applying for grants and interest-free finance to upgrade polluting vehicles. Temporary exemptions will also be granted to businesses that have placed orders for fully electric vehicles and are waiting for them to be delivered.

As a Cabinet we remain committed to innovation to improve air quality for the health of all residents and visitors to the city, whilst being mindful of the need to balance this imperative with the social and economic impact on businesses affected by the pandemic. I believe the proposal before you today will achieve this balance.’

Councillor Sarah Warren moved the recommendations as printed in the report.

Councillor Joanna Wright seconded the motion by saying that poor air quality generated by polluting vehicles had a significant impact on public health. The Council was working diligently to implement a clean air zone as quickly as possible in 2021. This settlement would make sure that the air we all breathe would become healthier, as outlined by Councillor Warren. The Council has been mindful of the need to balance clean air with the social and economic impact on businesses affected by the pandemic.

Councillor Richard Samuel commented that it was almost three years since he moved the motion to Council calling for a Clean Air Zone to be introduced in Bath, and that he was glad about the latest developments on this important issue. Councillor Samuel was pleased with the settlement. This was a really important step for the City of Bath, particularly in regard to nitrogen dioxide pollution which has been far too high for far too long. Councillor Samuel thanked all those involved.

Councillor Tim Ball also welcomed the report by saying that he has seen difference in the air during the lockdown, and with the less traffic on Bath streets.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

2.1 Consider the settlement as negotiated and if supported, delegate authority to the Director - Partnership & Corporate Services to formally accept the additional grant determination and assurance letters from government providing up to £15.508M in additional funding for the scheme, bringing the total funding package to £23.452M.

2.2 With reference to recommendation 2.2 in the September 2019 Cabinet report and subject to the approval of the recommendation above, approve the incorporation into the Council's capital programme of an additional £12.437M, bringing the total Clean Air Zone (CAZ) budget to £18.381M.

2.3 With reference to recommendation 2.12 in the January 2020 Cabinet report regarding the delegated authority to progress the operational agreements, note that these negotiations are ongoing and include discussions regarding the ongoing cost of providing the CAZ Central Service (which may now be subject to a separate Statutory Instrument).

2.4 Note the progress made towards implementing the scheme during the COVID-19 restrictions.

2.5 Delegate authority to the Director - Partnership & Corporate Services, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Climate Emergency and the Deputy Leader, to negotiate and agree with government a new launch date following the Minister's letter dated 3 April 2020 which required a delay to the scheme, bearing in mind also the legal obligation to deliver compliance with NO2 limit values in the shortest possible time.

2.6 Note that the financial assistance scheme has been kept under review and in recognition that some local residents and businesses may be suffering in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, that it has been amended to provide further support.

35 UPDATE ON CORPORATE STRATEGY PROGRESS AND ISSUES

The Chair introduced the report by saying that the Council adopted a four-year Corporate Strategy in February 2020, with an overriding purpose to improve people's lives. Also, there were two key policies that went with this; one was around addressing the climate emergency and the second was giving people a bigger say. Covid19 impact had put a huge amount of pressure on staff, on services, and on finances. This has given the Council an opportunity to rethink on how to deliver some services with better partnership working. The Chair expressed her concern on how reliant the Council has been on tourism and retail, and how the lockdown has enabled the Council to speed up adoption of new technology and new ways of communication, such as live remote meetings. For example, the Chair has hosted a number of webinars with different subjects. However, there were many residents who were not online, and the Council must make sure that they have access to updated information. The Council would continue to prepare for the future, whatever that may look like, and would remain committed to net zero carbon by 2030. The partnership working has proven to be a real lifeline for many residents, as demonstrated by the success of the Compassionate Communities Hub partnership working and engagement has been invaluable with key stakeholders during the most intense periods of the pandemic. The Engagement Board has had representation from a

wide range of bodies, including the police, fire rescue and both universities, as well as health providers. The Economic Recovery and Renewal Board had been set up as a tool to drive and to influence business recovery. The Chair concluded her statement by saying that she would like to ensure all that the work would continue to make sure that Council has solid foundations of good governance and clear lines of cooperation, corporate control and oversight.

The Chair moved the recommendations as printed in the report.

Councillor Kevin Guy seconded the motion.

Councillor Richard Samuel welcomed the report and said that he was pleased with the proposed workplan. The whole Covid19 situation had great impact on the Council in terms of ways of working and use of technology. Councillor Samuel also said that there would be a huge challenge in finance and the property portfolio. Nevertheless, the new Medium-Term Financial Strategy and the Budget would be produced in the coming months.

Councillor David Wood also welcomed the report by updating the Cabinet on the latest within Waste Services, in particular about opening waste recycling centres across the area, with some being open 7 days in a week, and 'Don't Be A Tosser' litter campaign.

Councillor Rob Appleyard welcomed the report by highlighting the importance of partnership working during Covid19, and paid his respect to the wider community, and those organisations that have blended together to make this experience as less painful as it could be.

Councillor Sarah Warren welcomed the report by saying that the Council had been running a number of webinars in terms of climate emergency, and how this medium (virtual meetings) had been quite successful in engaging the community. Councillor Warren also informed the Cabinet on the ongoing work of bringing the Local Plan in line with climate emergency.

Councillor Tim Ball also welcomed the report and took the Cabinet through the latest developments within his portfolio, main highlights being helping 16 individual rough sleepers with accommodation and situation within social housing and temporary accommodation.

Councillor Joanna Wright took the Cabinet through the developments within her portfolio by highlighting success in putting through low traffic neighbourhoods' residence parking zone, charging points for electric vehicles, and the delivery of the transport delivery plan.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

2.1 Note the impacts of the Council's Covid-19 response and recovery on the delivery of its Corporate Strategy, including opportunities to bring forward delivery where appropriate

2.2 Adopt the key actions this year set out in Appendix 1 of the report, designed to deliver key Corporate Strategy commitments

2.3 Note the case studies attached in Appendix 2 of the report, which set out how delivery of the Strategy has been “kickstarted” during this period and will be built upon

36 TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2019/20

The Chair invited Councillor Richard Samuel to introduce the report.

Councillor Richard Samuel introduced the report by saying that this was a positive report which has shown that the management of the Council's finances was stable and well run. Councillor Samuel used this opportunity to thank Andy Rothery and his staff for the presentation of this report. Councillor Samuel said that this report included details of performance against the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Plan for 2019/20. Councillor Samuel also said that the same report would be presented to the Full Council meeting on 23rd July and highlighted the following sections in the report: summary of returns and borrowings, strategic and tactical decisions, future strategic and tactical issues, PWLB borrowing rate increase, and budget implications.

Councillor Richard Samuel moved the recommendations.

Councillor Kevin Guy seconded the motion by thanking Councillor Samuel and the officers for an excellent financial management during this challenging year.

Councillor Sarah Warren welcomed the report, in particular the progress that has been made towards disinvesting the treasury management fund from fossil fuel funds.

Councillor Tim Ball also thanked the officer for the report, and also praised the officers within his portfolio for delivering great services during this difficult year.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

2.1 The Treasury Management Report to 31st March 2020, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice, is noted.

2.2 The Treasury Management Indicators to 31st March 2020 are noted.

37 REVENUE & CAPITAL OUTTURN 2019/20

The Chair invited Councillor Richard Samuel to introduce the report.

Councillor Richard Samuel introduced the report by saying this was very important report because it marked the end of the position for the first financial year of this current administration. Council Samuel said that one of the things that he set as the target was to balance the books every year, if possible. This year the budget was actually under budget, just around the £250,000. Councillor Samuel took the Cabinet through the report (as printed) and thanked the officers for the report.

Councillor Richard Samuel moved the recommendations as printed.

Councillor Neil Butters seconded the motion by thanking Councillor Samuel and the officers for this report.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

- 2.1 Note the revenue budget outturn under budget position of £0.12m for 2019/20, after allowing for carry forwards.
- 2.2 Approve the revenue carry forward proposals listed in the tables in paragraph 3.5.
- 2.3 Approve that all over budgets are written-off as an exception to the Budget Management Rules for 2019/20.
- 2.4 Approve the transfer of the net underspend of £0.12m to the Revenue Budget Contingency Reserve.
- 2.5 Note the revenue virements for 2019/20 reported for information in Appendix 2(i)
- 2.6 Note the reserve positions and the use of flexible capital receipts shown in paragraphs 3.16-3.18;
- 2.7 Note the outturn position of the 2019/20 capital programme in paragraph 3.24, and the funding outlined in paragraph 3.26;
- 2.8 Approve the capital rephasing and write-off of net underspends as listed in Appendix 3. This reflects the outturn spend position on projects against final budgets as detailed in Appendix 4(ii).

38 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, CASH LIMITS AND VIREMENTS – APRIL 2020 TO JUNE 2020

The Chair invited Councillor Richard Samuel to introduce the report.

Councillor Richard Samuel introduced the report by saying that it covered the first quarter of the 2020/2021 financial year. It was very different report that it would normally expect the Cabinet to receive at this time of year but this was due to the coronavirus crisis. The Cabinet had already approved a financial recovery plan a few weeks ago, and although the position set out in this report was very worrying, it was something that the Council expected to deal with. Councillor Samuel said that he had heard that Robert Jenrick was talking about support for losses of Council Tax and Business Rates income, which was encouraging. Nevertheless, the Council should continue with business as usual, in terms of reporting actual facts and figures, and not trying to conceal them.

Councillor Richard Samuel moved the recommendations as printed in the report.

Councillor Rob Appleyard seconded the motion by saying that Councillor Samuel, and his team of officers, should take credit for the work that has actually been done. Councillor Appleyard also praised Chief Executive, Corporate Director and a number of other Council services and teams who have worked so hard to continue provision of services to the community during the pandemic.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

- 2.1 To note the 2020/21 revenue budget position (as at the end of June 2020).
- 2.2 To approve the revenue virements listed for approval in Appendix 3(i) and to note those virements listed for information only.
- 2.3 To note the capital year-end forecast detailed in paragraph 3.39 of this report;

2.4 To note the changes in the capital programme including capital schemes that have been agreed for full approval under delegation listed in Appendix 4(i).

The meeting ended at 4.50 pm

Chair _____

Date Confirmed and Signed _____

Prepared by Democratic Services