



RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday, 7th March, 2017 at 7.00 pm
at the Council Offices, Farnborough

Councillor D.E. Clifford, Leader of the Council
Councillor K.H. Muschamp, Deputy Leader and Business, Safety and
Regulation Portfolio

Councillor Sue Carter, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Youth
Councillor Barbara Hurst, Health and Housing Portfolio
Councillor G.B. Lyon, Concessions and Community Support Portfolio
Councillor P.G. Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio
Councillor M.J. Tennant, Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio

The Cabinet considered the following matters at the above-mentioned meeting. All executive decisions of the Cabinet shall become effective, subject to the call-in procedure, from **21st March 2017**.

98. **MINUTES –**

The Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 1st February, 2017 and 7th February, 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

99. **APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF –**
(Concessions and Community Support)

The Cabinet considered the Head of Financial Services' Report No. FIN1711, which set out details of applications for rate relief from The Well of Life (formerly KC21) (Ground Floor Rear, No. 57 Lynchford Road, Farnborough) and Limbcare (Shop Mobility) (Mobility Scooter Hire Store, Kingsmead, Farnborough).

The Cabinet RESOLVED that

- (i) 20% top-up discretionary relief be awarded to The Well of Life from 24th September, 2015 to 31st March, 2022; and

- (ii) 20% top-up discretionary relief be awarded to Limbicare from 31st July, 2015 to 31st March, 2022.

100. **MOOR ROAD RECREATION GROUND - LONG TERM VISION –**
(Leisure and Youth)

The Cabinet considered the Head of Community and Environmental Services' Report No. COMM1705, which sought approval to submit a planning application in respect of new facilities for the Moor Road Recreation Ground.

Members were informed that, to develop a long term vision for the Moor Road Recreation Ground, the Council had adopted the consultation and mapping process that had been used successfully to develop and deliver the vision for Aldershot Park in 2008. This process had produced a vision for Moor Road that had included a BMX pump track, perimeter bike skills course, new playground, youth shelter, multi use games area, outdoor gym, picnic / barbeque area and a skate park. It was reported that the skate park currently located next to the Farnborough Leisure Centre was likely to close due to the redevelopment of the Farnborough Civic Quarter. The Cabinet was informed that the scheme would be financed using developers' contributions and other funding streams, some of which had already been confirmed.

The Cabinet was broadly supportive of the scheme but expressed concern over the proposed youth shelter, as similar installations elsewhere in the Borough had presented anti social behaviour problems. It was agreed that this would be reconsidered before any such facility was installed at this site. The Cabinet also requested that options should be identified for further potential sites for skate parks in Farnborough, in addition to the proposed new facility at Moor Road Recreation Ground.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that approval be given to the Head of Community and Environmental Services to seek planning permission for the new facilities at Moor Road Recreation Ground, as set out in the Head of Community and Environmental Services' Report No. COMM1705.

101. **KINGSMOAT CAR PARK - TEMPORARY PLANNING PERMISSION –**
(Environment and Service Delivery)

The Cabinet considered the Head of Community and Environmental Services' Report No. COMM1706, which sought approval to submit a planning application to extend by three years the temporary planning permission for the Kings Moat car park, which would expire in May, 2017.

In 2007, permission had been given to use this land as a 58 space car park for a period of three years. The time limit had been agreed to ensure that the long-term objectives for the redevelopment of Farnborough town centre were not prejudiced by the permanent use of this land for car parking. In 2011 and again in 2014, permission had been given to continue using this land as a car park. With no redevelopment proposals at the present time that affected the Kings Moat car park, it was proposed that planning permission be sought to retain the parking for a further three years.

It was noted that the car park attracted 79,000 visits per year with a net income of £60,000 per annum and expenditure of £8,000 per annum.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that approval be given to the Head of Community and Environmental Services to seek planning permission to continue using the land as a car park for a further three years.

102. **FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND –**
(Environment and Service Delivery)

The Cabinet considered the Head of Community and Environmental Services' Report No. COMM1707, which sought approval to award grants from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist local projects.

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Service Delivery had considered three applications and had recommended that two awards should be made. It was noted that a further award to 3rd Farnborough Scout Group had not been recommended, as the project to provide fencing and cut back trees did not meet the criteria of the fund.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that grants be awarded from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to the following organisations:

Farnborough Grange Nursery and Infant School	£5,000
Southwood Southwood Infant School	£7,796

103. **ITEM FOR INFORMATION - URGENCY DECISION RELATING TO LAND ADJOINING OPTREX INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ROTHERWICK, HOOK –**
(Corporate Services)

The Cabinet considered the Solicitor to the Council's Report No. LEG1705, which notified the Cabinet, for information, of an urgency decision that had been taken in respect of the making of an offer to acquire land adjoining the Optrex Business Park, Rotherwick, Hook. The decision had been made under urgency powers in order to secure the purchase of this land, in light of an alternative offer that had been submitted to the owner by a third party.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that the actions taken, as set out in the Solicitor to the Council's Report No. LEG1705, be noted.

104. **CORPORATE POLICY ON THE USE OF COVERT INVESTIGATORY TECHNIQUES –**
(Corporate Services)

The Cabinet received the Solicitor to the Council's Report No. LEG1704, which set out a revised corporate policy on the use of covert investigatory techniques under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).

Members were informed that the policy had last been reviewed and revised in April 2013. The proposed changes incorporated the latest guidance, implemented recommendations following an inspection in 2016 and reflected changes in the

Council's structure. It also included some new provisions relating to communications data and the use of social networking sites.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that the Council's corporate policy on the use of covert investigatory techniques under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA), as set out in Appendix 1 to the Solicitor to the Council's Report No. LEG1704, be approved.

105. **CHANGES TO THE POWERS OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL UNDER THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION –**
(Corporate Services)

The Cabinet received the Solicitor to the Council's Report No. LEG1706, which proposed changes to the powers of the Solicitor to the Council in the scheme of delegation.

Members were informed that the changes were being proposed to enable decisions to be made promptly and efficiently in relation to the Council's growing property portfolio. Members discussed the proposals and it was agreed that, in relation to the new power for the Solicitor to the Council to be authorised to action the release of restrictive covenants, Ward Councillors should receive informal notification of such action. It was agreed that the new arrangements should be reviewed after a period of twelve months.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that the changes to the powers of the Solicitor to the Council in the Council's scheme of delegation, as set out in Appendix 2 of the Solicitor to the Council's Report No. LEG1706, be approved.

106. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC –**

RESOLVED: That, taking into account the public interest test, the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the under mentioned item to avoid the disclosure of exempt information within the paragraph of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated against the item:

Minute No.	Schedule 12A Para. No.	Category
107	3	Information relating to financial or business affairs

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS CONSIDERED
IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

107. **APPLICATION FOR SECTION 49 REMISSION OF NON-DOMESTIC RATES –**
(Concessions and Community Support)

The Cabinet considered the Head of Financial Services' Exempt Report No. FIN1712, which set out an application for the remission of non-domestic rates on the grounds of hardship.

Members assessed the application from Ms. Anusha Sareen trading as Mangobean, No. 52 Union Street, Aldershot, taking into account the evidence of financial hardship

supplied and whether it was in the interests of local taxpayers to subsidise the business. The Cabinet took into account the nature and circumstances of the business and the availability of alternative facilities in the area.

The Cabinet Member for Concessions and Community Support had visited the premises and had discussed the application with Ms. Sareen. The Cabinet discussed the application but, taking into account the financial information supplied by the applicant, felt unable to support the application.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that the application for hardship relief by Ms. Anusha Sareen trading as Mangobean be refused.

The Meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

D.E. CLIFFORD
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
