



# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

***Tuesday, 25th July, 2017 at 7.00 pm***  
***at the Council Offices, Farnborough***

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

Councillor Barbara Hurst, Health and Housing Portfolio Holder  
Councillor G.B. Lyon, Concessions and Community Support Portfolio Holder  
Councillor M.L. Sheehan, Leisure and Youth Portfolio Holder  
Councillor P.G. Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder  
Councillor M.J. Tennant, Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor K.H. Muschamp.

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 **8th August, 2017**.

### 22. **MINUTES –**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 27th June, 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### 23. **BUSINESS RATES - NEW DISCRETIONARY RELIEF POLICIES FOR SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES AND PUBS –** (Councillor Gareth Lyon, Concessions and Community Support Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. FIN1725, which set out two proposed new Business Rates Relief Policies, which were intended to support small businesses and pubs.

Members were informed that these new policies would allow the Council to use its discretionary powers to award temporary relief to support business ratepayers who were facing large increases to their bills following the national revaluation, which had

come into force earlier in 2017. The details of the proposed schemes were set out in Annexes 1 and 2 of the Report. In response to a question, it was confirmed that pub relief would be for one year only but recipients would be invited to apply for small business relief after this period.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that the adoption of the new policies, to be known as the Supporting Small Businesses Relief and the Pub Relief Scheme, as set out in Report No. FIN1725, be approved.

24. **ALDERSHOT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB AND FARNBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB - SUPPORT PACKAGE OF RENT RELIEF AND RATES RELIEF –**

(Councillor Maurice Sheehan, Leisure and Youth Portfolio Holder and Councillor Gareth Lyon, Concessions and Community Support Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. CD1704, which set out a package of financial support for Aldershot Town Football Club and Farnborough Football Club, in respect of ongoing rent and rates payments. It was confirmed that the package offered support on a sliding scale for a three year period. Members were reminded that both clubs had been visited by the Cabinet to discuss continued financial support. Details of the proposed level of support were set out in the Report.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that the package of financial support to Aldershot Town Football Club and Farnborough Football Club, as set out in Report No. CD1704, be approved.

25. **POST CONSULTATION DETERMINATION ON PROPOSED VARIATION TO THE SCHEME OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES –**

(Councillor Ken Muschamp, Business, Safety and Regulation Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. EHH1727, which provided an update on the post-consultation determination of proposed variations to the current scheme of hackney carriage fares, which, having been approved by the Cabinet on 30th May, 2017, had been published for public consultation.

Members were informed that, following consultation, no representations, objections or comments had been received. This meant that the proposal, as set out in Report No. EHH1720 and approved by the Cabinet on 30th May, 2017, would take effect from 1st August, 2017.

**The Cabinet NOTED** the post-consultation determination and the pending change to the scheme of fares.

26. **SOUTHWOOD GOLF COURSE - CONSULTATION ON OPTION TO CREATE A MAJOR NEW PARKLAND AND DELIVER SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE NATURAL GREENSPACE –**

(Councillor Martin Tennant, Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder and Councillor Maurice Sheehan, Leisure and Youth Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Joint Report No. COMM1714 / PLN1720, which set out a proposal to carry out a consultation exercise on an option to create a major new

parkland and deliver Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace at Southwood Golf Course, Farnborough.

Members were informed that, as set out in the Council's new Local Plan, the identification of additional Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) was a priority for the Council in order to continue to deliver the regeneration of the Borough's town centres and meet housing needs. The Report set out an option to provide up to 50 hectares of SANG by closing the Southwood Golf Course and converting this to a major new parkland, which would be protected in perpetuity for all of the Borough's residents to enjoy. It was explained that this would enable the delivery of around 2,500 new homes elsewhere in the Borough.

The Cabinet noted that the consultation exercise would commence on 7th August and conclude in late September, 2017.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that the consultation exercise on the option for the potential closure of Southwood Golf Course and the conversion of the land to major parkland and use as Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, as set out in Joint Report No. COMM1714 / PLN1720, be approved.

The Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

D.E. CLIFFORD  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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