

# CABINET

Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th November, 2021 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## Voting Members

Cllr D.E. Clifford, Leader of the Council

Cllr Marina Munro, Planning and Economy Portfolio Holder

Cllr A.R. Newell, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder

Cllr M.L. Sheehan, Operational Services Portfolio Holder

Cllr P.G. Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder

Cllr M.J. Tennant, Major Projects and Property Portfolio Holder

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 **29th November, 2021**.

## 42. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

Having regard to the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors, no declarations of interest were made.

## 43. **MINUTES –**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19th October, 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## 44. **COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN AND RISK REGISTER QUARTERLY UPDATE JULY - SEPTEMBER 2021/22 –**

(Cllr Adrian Newell, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet received Report No. ACE2106, which set out progress in delivering the Council Business Plan projects during the second quarter of 2021/22. Members were informed that progress against eighteen key projects was included in the Report, along with the Council's business performance monitoring information and the Council's Corporate Risk Register. It was reported that, at the end of the second quarter, 56% of live projects were on track, with the remainder showing an amber status.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that 172 tonnes of food waste had been collected from households during the first three weeks of operation.

**The Cabinet NOTED** the progress made towards delivering the Council Business Plan, as set out in Report No. ACE2106, and the risks identified within the Corporate Risk Register in October, 2021.

45. **SOUTHWOOD COUNTRY PARK - BUSINESS CASE FOR REPURPOSING EXISTING BUILDINGS –**

(Cllr Martin Tennant, Major Projects and Property Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. PETS2120, which set out a request for capital funding for the detailed design and development of the Southwood Country Park Visitor Centre and Cafe in Farnborough.

Members were informed that the feasibility study and initial design development in respect of the Visitor Centre and Café had now been completed successfully. The proposed development would make use of the existing building and would incorporate many environmentally sustainable features, including a green roof, ground source heating and PV panels. Members were informed that the current cost of the scheme was lower than the figure quoted previously. Members were advised that the Report carried an incorrect figure at paragraph 3.5 and that the total cost project cost, including initial design and development costs, was £1,074,000 and not £1,027,000 as stated.

In discussing the proposals, the Cabinet expressed strong support for the development of the new facility and noted that the Park was had proving popular with local residents.

**The Cabinet**

(i) **NOTED** that

(a) an agreement for lease, with a suitably experienced café operator, would be entered into by 9th February, 2022, as set out in Report No. PETS2120, as amended at the meeting;

(b) planning permission had not yet been granted for the scheme, with an application due to be submitted in January, 2022; and

(ii) **RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** that £901,000 be added to the Capital Programme for the Southwood Country Park Visitor Centre and Café, noting the capital financing implications set out in paragraph 4.14 of the Report.

46. **REVIEW OF LOCAL LAND CHARGES FEES –**

(Cllr Paul Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. LEG2104, which set out a proposed revised scheme of fees for the Council's Local Land Charges service.

Members were informed that the fees and charges had not been reviewed for some years and that the new fee structure would enable the service to demonstrate full costs recovery.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that the new fees, as set out in Report No. LEG2104, be approved.

The Meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

CLLR D.E. CLIFFORD, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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