

CABINET

Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th August, 2022 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

Voting Members

Cllr D.E. Clifford, Leader of the Council
Cllr M.L. Sheehan, Deputy Leader and Operational Services Portfolio Holder
Cllr J.B. Canty, Customer Experience, Digital and Transformation Portfolio Holder
Cllr Sue Carter, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder
Cllr A.R. Newell, Planning and Economy Portfolio Holder
Cllr P.G. Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Martin Tennant .

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 22nd August 2022.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

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

18. MINUTES –

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 5th July, 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

19. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - P1 2022/23 – (Cllr Paul Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. FIN2227, which set out the anticipated financial position for 2022/23, based on the initial budget monitoring carried out with Head of Service and Service Managers during July 2022. Members were informed that the Council faced a number of significant financial risks that were expected to materialise in the following weeks. It was clarified that these risks were mainly external and included interest rates, provision for the pay award, rising energy costs and the rate of inflation. It was reported that, at this early stage of the financial year, the projected revenue budget variance of £1.6 million posed a significant to the Council's financial sustainability. The Report, therefore, set out a series of urgent actions to be taken over the following weeks to mitigate and reduce the projected variation. The Cabinet was supportive of the actions proposed and it was confirmed that Portfolio Holders would continue to closely monitor budgets within their areas of responsibility.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that

- (i) the revenue budget forecast and impact on reserve balances, as set out in Section 3 of Report No. FIN2227, be noted;

- (ii) the Capital Programme forecast, as set out in Section 5 of the Report, be noted; and
- (iii) the recommended actions to manage and reduce the level of adverse variation across the revenue budget, as set out in Section 4 of the Report, be approved.

20. COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN AND RISK REGISTER QUARTERLY UPDATE APRIL TO JUNE 2022/23 –

(Cllr Sue Carter, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet received Report No. ACE2205, which set out progress in delivering the Council Business Plan projects during the first quarter of 2022/23. Members were informed that progress against key activities and 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 first quarter, 53.8% of projects/activities were on track, with the remainder showing an amber status. No project had a red status.

The Cabinet NOTED the progress made towards delivering the Council Business Plan, as set out in Report No. ACE2205.

21. ALDERWOOD LEISURE CENTRE - TRANSFER OF FACILITIES TO ALDERWOOD SCHOOL –

(Cllr Maurice Sheehan, Operational Services Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. DEM2201, which proposed the transfer the operation of the Alderwood Leisure Centre to Alderwood Senior School. Members were informed that new community and leisure facilities were introduced at the then Connaught School, along with Wavell and the then Oak Farm Schools, in the early 1990s, as part of the community schools project with Hampshire County Council. It was reported that negotiations had been going on for some time with the School for them to take over the management of the facilities. As part of the deal, the Council would undertake to fund the future replacement of the 3G artificial pitch, using existing S106 contributions. It was noted that the facility had not been able to match expenditure with income in recent years.

The Cabinet was supportive of the suggested approach, which would enable the facility to continue to provide important and well-used community facilities, in one of the more deprived areas of the Borough.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that

- (i) the transfer of the Alderwood Leisure Centre facilities to the Alderwood Senior School, as set out in Report No. DEM2201, be approved, subject to the conclusion of the necessary legal and financial arrangements; and
- (ii) the noting of the estimated accumulated deficit and transfer costs and agreement to draw the costs of the future 3G artificial pitch replacement from existing S106 funding, as set out in the Report, be approved, with necessary

amendments to be made to the Council's General Fund Balances and Earmarked Reserves, as detailed in the Report.

The Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

CLLR D.E. CLIFFORD, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
