

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Farnborough on Thursday, 22nd February, 2024 at 7.00 pm.

The Worshipful The Mayor (Cllr C.P. Grattan) – In the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mara Makunura)

Cllr A. Adeola
Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford
Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr Sue Carter
Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr A.H. Gani
Cllr Michael Hope
Cllr Peace Essien Igodifo
Cllr Nadia Martin
Cllr T.W. Mitchell
Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr Dhan Sarki
Cllr M.D. Smith
Cllr Calum Stewart
Cllr M.J. Tennant
Cllr S. Trussler
Cllr Becky Williams

Cllr Abe Allen
Cllr Jessica Auton
Cllr Jib Belbase
Cllr C.W. Card
Cllr Jules Crossley
Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr Christine Guinness
Cllr Halleh Koohestani
Cllr G.B. Lyon
Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr Marina Munro
Cllr M.J. Roberts
Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr Sarah Spall
Cllr P.G. Taylor
Cllr Nem Thapa
Cllr Jacqui Vosper
Cllr Gareth Williams

Honorary Alderman T.D. Bridgeman
Honorary Alderman A.E.A. Gardiner
Honorary Alderman R.J. Kimber
Honorary Alderman J.H. Marsh

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllr D.E. Clifford.

Before the meeting was opened, the Mayor's Chaplain, Mr David Betts, led the meeting in prayers.

36. **MINUTES**

It was **MOVED** by Cllr M.L. Sheehan; **SECONDED** by Cllr G.B. Lyon and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 7th December, 2023 (copy having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

37. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (1) The Mayor reported that events he had attended since the previous meeting of the Council had included:
 - the Rushmoor Community Carol Service at the Garrison Church on 8th December;
 - a charity quiz night in aid of his charities on 2nd February, where a total of £611 was raised;
 - the Holocaust Memorial Service at St. Andrew's Church, Aldershot on 28th January: and
 - a wreath-laying service, organised by the Aldershot Parachute Regimental Association, at Pennefather's Road to mark the 52nd Anniversary of the Aldershot Officers' Mess Bombing.
- (2) The Mayor reported that 1st April, 2024 would mark 50 years since the official formation of Rushmoor Borough Council from Aldershot Borough Council and Farnborough Urban District Council. The Council would be marking the occasion throughout the year, including the compilation of a digital memory book and various events.
- (3) The Mayor reminded Members that his Mayoral Gala event was planned for 15th March at The Empire in Aldershot. Members were asked to reserve their places as soon as possible.

38. **STANDING ORDER 8 - QUESTIONS**

The Mayor reported that no questions had been accepted under Standing Order 8.

39. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(1) **Financial Resilience**

The Council was asked to consider a Motion which had been submitted by Cllr Gareth Williams in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1):

"This Council notes that, facing heightened risk from debt levels of over ten times its annual income, the historic failure to fix interest costs at a manageable level will cost taxpayers over £15m and has plunged the Council into financial crisis. This failure was completely contrary to best practice financial management and despite clear warnings signs as interest rates rose in 2022.

The Budget report states that without significant mitigation in 2024-25 the Council will not be able to set a balanced budget in 2025-26. The implications of the report are that the Cabinet has been forced into actions it was unwilling to make voluntarily,

to address serious financial shortcomings that would have led to the issuing of a Section 114 Notice.

These actions include the sale of £40m of as-yet unspecified assets and a review of the funding plans for the Civic Hub.

Residents deserve a full account of the Council's mismanagement of its debt and whether these actions will be enough to prevent financial disaster for Rushmoor. We call on Rushmoor Borough Council to publish the financial resilience review commissioned from CIPFA, in full, as soon as it is available, so that residents can judge for themselves."

In proposing the Motion, Cllr Williams stated that the Council's 2022 budget had involved £155 million of borrowing. He explained that this borrowing had been subject to short-term interest rates and, whilst most other local authorities had moved to long-term rates, Rushmoor still held 91% of its debts on short-term rates. Cllr Williams contended that the financial resilience review report was needed to provide residents with a clear view of the Council's financial situation.

During debate, views were expressed that the Council's financial situation and risk profile were clearly set out within the budget report, to be considered that evening, and that officers would start work in early May towards a full budget review to be completed in July. At this time, all of the papers, including the report requested by Cllr Williams, would be made available for scrutiny.

In seconding the Motion, Cllr Gaynor Austin stated her concerns about the Council's approach to borrowing and interest rates, and that the current year's budget could only be shown to be balanced by the significant use of reserves and that the Council would not be in a position to present a balanced budget for the following year as things stood.

Following further discussion, the Motion was put to the meeting. There voted FOR: 15; AGAINST: 21; ABSTAINED: 2 and the Motion was **DECLARED LOST**.

(2) **Community Safety**

The Council was asked to consider a Motion which had been submitted by Cllr D.E. Clifford in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1):

"Rushmoor Borough Council welcomes the Government's Safer Streets Fund support secured by Donna Jones, Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, for a youth outreach project to engage with 60 young people involved in ASB in Hart and Rushmoor, and improvements to CCTV in key areas of Rushmoor to improve public safety.

This Council supports the Police and Crime Commissioner's projects to tackle violence against women and girls in Hampshire and will work with her to ensure the streets of Aldershot and Farnborough are safe for all in our community.

Furthermore, this Council believes that the increased roll out of CCTV will help change the attitudes and behaviours that will prevent crimes from happening in the first place.

This Council also commits to supporting newly recruited police officers in Rushmoor through providing forums in Aldershot and Farnborough for them to meet with local residents.”

In proposing the Motion on behalf of Cllr Clifford, who was unable to attend the meeting, Cllr S.J. Masterson stated that he had considered the matters raised and that he supported the approach suggested. In seconding the Motion, Cllr Peace Essien Igodifo stated that the Police and Crime Commissioner had provided funding for projects targeting young people and leaders, women and young girls. She urged Members to support the Motion.

During debate, views were expressed that the Police and Crime Commissioner had made a major contribution in making the Borough safer by initiating various local policing matters. It was reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner has been invited to, and attended, many local events in relation to community safety and that this had shown her commitment to the local area.

The view was also expressed, however, that the Police and Crime Commissioner had been ineffective in tackling community safety issues locally and that many of the measures introduced had not had a positive effect on crime and anti-social behaviour.

Following further discussion the Motion was put to the meeting. In a recorded vote, there voted FOR: Cllrs A. Adeola, Jessica Auton, Mrs. D.B. Bedford, Jib Belbase, J.B. Canty, C.W. Card, Sue Carter, P.J. Cullum, Peace Essien Igodifo, A. Gani, Michael Hope, G.B. Lyon, S.J. Masterson, Marina Munro, M.L. Sheehan, C.J. Stewart, P.G. Taylor, M.J. Tennant, Nem Thapa, S. Trussler, Jacqui Vosper (21); AGAINST: (0); ABSTAINED: Cllrs Abe Allen, Gaynor Austin, Jules Crossley, K. Dibble, Christine Guinness, Halleh Koohestani, Nadia Martin, T.W. Mitchell, Sophie Porter, M.J. Roberts, Dhan Sarki, Sarah Spall, Becky Williams, Gareth Williams, the Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mara Makunura) and the Mayor (Cllr C.P. Grattan) (16) and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

40. **MAYOR-ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT 2024/25**

The Chairman of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee (Cllr P.J. Cullum) reported that the Committee had considered the nominations for the Mayor-Elect and the Deputy Mayor-Elect for 2024/25 at its meeting on 31st January, 2024. The Committee had agreed to recommend that:

- (i) Cllr Mara Makunura be selected as Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2024/25; and
- (ii) Cllr Gaynor Austin be selected as Deputy Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

It was MOVED by Cllr P.J. Cullum; SECONDED by Cllr Christine Guinness – That the Recommendations of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee be approved in respect of the Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect for 2024/25.

There voted FOR: 35; AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 2 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

41. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES:**

42. **ANNUAL CAPITAL STRATEGY 2024/25**

Cllr P.J. Cullum introduced the Report of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 31st January, 2024, which recommended the approval of the Capital Strategy 2024/25 to 2026/27, including the Prudential Indicators for capital finance for 2024/25.

It was MOVED by Cllr P.J. Cullum; SECONDED by Cllr S. Trussler – That approval be given to the Capital Strategy 2024/25 to 2026/27 and Prudential Indicators for 2024/25.

There voted FOR: 20; AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 17 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

43. **ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND ANNUAL NON-TREASURY INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2024/25**

Cllr P.J. Cullum introduced the Report of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 31st January, 2024, which recommended the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy and the Non-Treasury Investment Strategy for the year 2024/25.

It was MOVED by Cllr P.J. Cullum; SECONDED by Cllr S. Trussler – That approval be given to the Treasury Management Strategy and the Non-Treasury Investment Strategy for the year 2024/25.

There voted FOR: 20; AGAINST: 13; ABSTAINED: 4 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

44. **REVENUE BUDGET, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND COUNCIL TAX LEVEL**

Cllr P.G. Taylor introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 6th February, 2024, which recommended the approval of the Revenue Budget, Capital Programme, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Council Tax requirement for 2024/25 and the Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25.

It was MOVED by Cllr P.G. Taylor; SECONDED by Cllr G.B. Lyon – That

- (i) approval be given to the following recommendations as detailed in report FIN2406:

- (a) the Executive Head of Finance's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as set out in Appendix 7;
- (b) the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and the strategy set out to resolve the Medium Term Financial Strategy, as set out in the Report;
- (c) the Draft General Fund Revenue Budget Estimates Summary 2024-25, as set out in Appendix 4;
- (d) the Council Tax Requirement of £7,683,131 for this Council;
- (e) the Council Tax level for Rushmoor Borough Council's purposes of £232.74 for a Band D property in 2024/25 (an increase of £6.76);
- (f) the UK Shared Prosperity Fund project list, as set out in Appendix 6 of the Report;
- (g) the Capital Programme, set out in paragraph 8.5 of the Council Report; and
- (h) the Strategy for the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts, as set out in paragraph 9.2 of the Council Report;

Following debate, the Recommendations at (i) (a)-(h) above were put to the meeting. In a recorded vote, there voted FOR: Cllrs A. Adeola, Jessica Auton, Mrs. D.B. Bedford, Jib Belbase, J.B. Canty, Sue Carter, P.J. Cullum, Peace Essien Igodifo, A. Gani, Michael Hope, G.B. Lyon, S.J. Masterson, Marina Munro, M.L. Sheehan, C.J. Stewart, P.G. Taylor, M.J. Tennant, Nem Thapa, S. Trussler Jacqui Vosper (20); AGAINST: Cllrs Abe Allen, Gaynor Austin, Jules Crossley, K. Dibble, Christine Guinness, Halleh Koohestani, Nadia Martin, Sophie Porter, M.J. Roberts, Dhan Sarki, Sarah Spall, Becky Williams, Gareth Williams (13); and ABSTAINED: Cllrs C.W. Card, T.W. Mitchell, the Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mara Makunura) and the Mayor (Cllr C.P. Grattan) (4) and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**; and

It was MOVED by Cllr P.G. Taylor; SECONDED by Cllr G.B. Lyon – That

- (ii) approval be given to the following recommendations, as set out in the Report No. FIN2405:
 - (a) the Council Tax Support Scheme for working age customers being adjusted to increase the maximum Council Tax liability used to calculate Council Tax Support from 88% to 100%, effective from 1st April 2024 and to apply to all calculations made within the Council Tax Support Scheme relating to liabilities occurring on or after 1st April, 2024; and
 - (b) that, in all other respects, the current Council Tax Support Scheme for working age customers should continue unchanged, with the addition of the annual uplift to rates used within the calculation mirroring that applied to national Housing Benefits rates, as advised by the Department for work and Pensions.

The Recommendations at (ii) were put to the meeting. There voted FOR: 35; AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 2 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

NOTE: There were some lines in the budget proposals that referred to Rushmoor Homes Limited (RHL) and there were three Councillors who had been appointed as Directors of RHL: Cllrs P.G. Taylor, S. Trussler and Gareth Williams. On 27th May, 2021, the Council's Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee granted dispensations to Members appointed by the Council to the Board of the Rushmoor Development Partnership and as Directors of Rushmoor Homes Limited. The named Councillors' interests were noted and it was acknowledged that this would not affect their ability to participate in the debate and vote at the meeting.

45. **PAY POLICY STATEMENT AND GENDER PAY GAP**

Cllr P.J. Cullum introduced the Report of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee held on 31st January, 2024 which proposed the approval of a Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 and the noting of the Gender Pay Gap calculations for 2022/23.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr P.J. Cullum; **SECONDED** by Cllr S. Trussler – That the Pay Policy Statement 2024/25, as set out in Appendix A of the Report, be approved and that the Gender Pay Gap calculations for 2022/23, as set out in the Report, be noted.

There voted FOR: 35; AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 2 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

46. **VARIATION TO CAPITAL PROGRAMME - FARNBOROUGH REGENERATION AND LEISURE AND CULTURAL HUB**

Cllr M.J. Tennant, Major Projects and Property Portfolio Holder, introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 6th February, 2024 which recommended variations to the Capital Programme to enable the progression of the next steps in the regeneration of Farnborough and the delivery of the Leisure and Cultural Hub.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr M.J. Tennant and **SECONDED** by Cllr G.B. Lyon – That approval be given to:

- (i) an increase of £255,000 into the Capital Programme for 2023/24, funded from a further draw down from the Levelling Up grant for the Leisure and Cultural Hub; and
- (ii) the £1.725 million One Public Estate Brownfield Land Release Fund grant, to enable the demolition of the Pinehurst Car Park and site preparation and utilities work across plots established by the Civic Quarter Masterplan, being included in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Capital Programmes, as appropriate.

There voted FOR: 35; AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 2 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED.**

47. **THE COUNCIL TAX 2024/25**

It was MOVED by Cllr G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cllr P.G. Taylor – That

- (i) it be noted that the Council had calculated the amount of £33,011.65 as its Council Tax base for the year 2024-25 in accordance with Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (the 'Act');
- (ii) it be noted that the following amounts had been calculated by the Council for the year 2024-25, in accordance with Sections 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £43,283,163.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act;
 - (b) £35,600,031.58 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
 - (c) £7,683,131.42 being the amount by which the aggregate at (ii)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (ii)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year;
 - (d) £232.74 being the amount at (ii)(c) above, all divided by the amount in (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year;

(e)

Valuation Band	Rushmoor Borough Council £
A	155.16
B	181.02
C	206.88
D	232.74
E	284.46
F	336.18
G	387.90
H	456.48

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (ii)(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which, in that that proportion, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section

36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (iii) it be noted that, for the year 2024-25, Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Precepting Authority	Precept Amount £
Hampshire County Council (HCC)	50,614,782.20
Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire (PCCH)	8,631,226.01
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority (HIWFRA)	2,734,685.09

NOTE: Hampshire County Council and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue precepts are provisional until the above notified amounts are formally set at their respective meetings on Thursday 29th February, 2024. In the event that any of the precepting bodies elects to change their precept, Rushmoor Borough Council will need to reflect the revised precept in line with that formally approved by the precepting body.

Valuation Band	Hampshire County Council	Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority
	£	£	£
A	1,022.16	174.31	55.23
B	1,192.52	203.36	64.43
C	1,362.88	232.41	73.64
D	1,533.24	261.46	82.84
E	1,873.96	319.56	101.25
F	2,214.68	377.66	119.66
G	2,555.40	435.77	138.07
H	3,066.48	522.92	165.68

- (iv) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (ii)(e) and (iii) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby set the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2024-25 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Total £
A	1,406.86
B	1,641.33
C	1,875.81
D	2,110.28
E	2,579.23
F	3,048.18
G	3,517.14
H	4,220.56

- (v) the Council determine that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2024-25 is not excessive, in accordance with principles approved under Section 52(ZB) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

In a recorded vote, there voted FOR: Cllrs A. Adeola, Jessica Auton, Mrs. D.B. Bedford, Jib Belbase, J.B. Canty, Sue Carter, P.J. Cullum, Peace Essien Igodifo, A. Gani, M. Hope, G.B. Lyon, S.J. Masterson, Marina Munro, M.L. Sheehan, C.J. Stewart, P.G. Taylor, M.J. Tennant, Nem Thapa, S. Trussler, Jacqui Vosper (20); AGAINST: (0); ABSTAINED: Cllrs Abe Allen, Gaynor Austin, C.W. Card, Jules Crossley, K. Dibble, Christine Guinness, Halleh Koohestani, Nadia Martin, T.W. Mitchell, Sophie Porter, M.J. Roberts, Dhan Sarki, Sarah Spall, Becky Williams, Gareth Williams, the Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mara Makunura) and the Mayor (Cllr C.P. Grattan) (17) and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

48. **QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET**

- (1) Cllr Michael Hope had submitted a question for response by the Digital First & Corporate Portfolio Holder (Cllr A. Adeola) about the health and wellbeing of Rushmoor employees and Members.

In response, Cllr Adeola stated that the Cabinet, at its most recent meeting, had considered an annual report from the People Team and this had introduced a Health and Wellbeing Statement of Intent and a Health, Wellbeing and Stress Management Code of Practice. It was confirmed there was a range of activities to help both officers and Members and information would be circulated.

- (2) Cllr Jib Belbase had submitted a question for response by the Major Projects and Property Portfolio Holder (Cllr M.J. Tennant) about the Union Yard development in Aldershot.

In response, Cllr Tennant stated that the Council had adopted the Aldershot Town Centre Prospectus in 2016 and that this had, effectively, signalled the commencement of the Union Street regeneration project. Cllr Tennant detailed a number of key milestones in the project to date and it was confirmed that the project was currently on track to achieve practical completion in July, 2024.

- (3) Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford had submitted a question for response by the Environment & Neighbourhood Portfolio Holder (Cllr M.L. Sheehan) about action taken to tackle fly-tipping and litter in the Borough.

In response, Cllr Sheehan confirmed that the Council had recently established a new Place Protection Team that would focus on fly-tipping by taking appropriate enforcement action through the service of fixed penalty notices and prosecution. It was confirmed that the ongoing arrangement with East Hampshire District Council would continue to address littering issues in the Borough, with 281 Fixed Penalty Notices issued in the most recent quarter.

- (4) Cllr P.J. Cullum had submitted a question for response by the Finance Portfolio Holder (Cllr P.G. Taylor) regarding the likely savings arising from removing the collection of the Minimum Council Tax Contribution.

In response, Cllr Taylor referred Members to the financial report that had been considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 6th February, 2024, which set out the full financial implications of removing the minimum contribution. Due to the resulting reduction in the cost of administration and collection, it was considered that this would be cost neutral to the Council.

- (5) Cllr M.D. Smith had submitted a question for Environment & Neighbourhood Portfolio Holder (Cllr M.L. Sheehan) about the steps being taken to improve town centre policing and safety in Farnborough.

It was agreed that Cllr Sheehan would provide a written answer to Cllr Smith's question, as follows:

Public safety and the prevention of crime remains a key priority for the Cabinet. Some of the measures taken by the Council are:-

- Providing a 24/7 monitored CCTV service
- Upgrading of CCTV cameras
- Aldershot Town Centre Public Space Protection Order
- Outreach visits to identify and support homeless people
- Town centre patrols carried out by our Place Protection Officers
- Promotion of Disc software to allow businesses to report crime more easily
- Proactive and reactive licensing activity
- Partnership working with the local police
- Removal of graffiti
- Litter enforcement
- Promotion of our town centres through events and the activities of the Town Centre Manager
- Negotiating the establishment of a 'Cop Shop' in Farnborough town centre

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary have recently moved over to an area based model of policing, allowing the District Commander to focus on the areas that cause the most problems.

- (6) Cllr Peace Essien Igodifo had submitted a question for the Environment & Neighbourhood Portfolio Holder (Cllr M.L. Sheehan) about investments in the playgrounds and sports facilities across the Borough.

In response, Cllr Sheehan stated that over £320,000 had been spent on a range of projects since 2022, with a further £400,000 being spent on playgrounds currently under refurbishment. In addition to this, a total of £224,000 had been committed to refurbishing the Borough's tennis courts.

- (7) Cllr A.H. Gani had submitted a question for the Development & Economic Growth Portfolio Holder (Cllr J.B. Canty) regarding the measures being considered to support businesses affected by parking issues in Chapel Lane, Farnborough.

In response, Cllr Canty acknowledged that this was an important issue for local residents and confirmed that he was working closely with officers to identify measures to further support local businesses.

- (8) Cllr Jacqui Vosper had submitted a question for the Development & Economic Growth Portfolio Holder (Cllr J.B. Canty) regarding the work of the Council's planning, economic development and legal teams to tackle the ongoing issues relating to JK Breakdown Services on Fleet Road.

In response, Cllr Canty stated that the Council's planning department had been actively pursuing planning enforcement measures and that he was consulting with Hampshire County Council in relation to parking issues. It was confirmed that Hampshire County Council were currently monitoring the site.

- (9) Cllr Marina Munro had submitted a question for the Community Portfolio Holder (Cllr Sue Carter) regarding the housing situation for the asylum seekers at Hillside Place.

In response, Cllr Carter stated that Home Office officials had confirmed that the previous plans for occupation of Hillside Place by asylum seekers had been paused, in order for the plans to be reviewed. It had been confirmed that there was no intention to reactivate the previous proposals.

- (10) Cllr Nem Thapa had submitted a question for the Community Portfolio Holder (Cllr Sue Carter) regarding youth clubs and plans for the future of the club in Cherrywood ward.

In response, Cllr Carter stated that the youth club based at the Prospect Estate had been established for many years now. The current attendance was between twelve and twenty young people and it was confirmed that the Council would continue to support the club and encourage further engagement with it. The Council was actively involved in supporting other youth clubs in the

Borough and was, currently, looking for a site for a new youth club in Fernhill Ward.

49. **REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED: That the Reports of the following meetings be received:

Cabinet	9th January 2024
Cabinet	6th February 2024
Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee	27th November 2023
Development Management Committee	6th December 2023
Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee	31st January 2024
Development Management Committee	7th February 2024

50. **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD**

RESOLVED: That the reports of the of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 2nd January 2024 and the Policy and Project Advisory Board meeting held on 29th November 2023 be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.41 pm.
