

CABINET

Date and Time: Thursday, 2 July 2020 at 7pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Ambler, Bailey, Cockarill, Kinnell, Neighbour (Chairman), Oliver, Quarterman, Radley

In attendance:

Councillors Crampton, Dorn, Farmer, Forster, Smith.



Officers:

Patricia Hughes	Joint Chief Executive
John Elson	Head of Environmental and Technical Services
Adam Green	Countryside Manager
Helen Vincent	Committee Services
Celia Wood	Committee Services
Caroline Winchurch	Hart Voluntary Action

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 5 March 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a change in the order of Agenda and Item 10 will now be Item 7.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ambler declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan as he was a member of Crookham Village Parish Council and Crookham War Memorial Hall Trust.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

The Chairman invited Julia Ambler representing Crookham Village Parish Council to speak on Item 6.

6 CROOKHAM VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: EXAMINER'S REPORT AND DECISION TO PROCEED TO REFERENDUM

To seek agreement for the Crookham Village Parish Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to referendum at the next available opportunity. This would mean the Plan attracts 'significant weight' for decision-making purposes, despite Neighbourhood Plan referenda being postponed until May 2021.

Appendix 1 – Examiners Report
Appendix 2 – Decision Statement

Julia Ambler the Vice-Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for Crookham Village Parish Council, spoke briefly in support of the Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan. She commended the plan to Cabinet for approval and confirms that all queries raised by both the Inspector and Hart District Council had been dealt with in an equitable manner. She also thanked all the members of the Steering Group for their invaluable help in preparing the plan on behalf of Crookham Village Parish Council, in particular Peter Kenaghan, Kerry ten Kate and David Jackson.

DECISION

Members supported the recommendation to proceed action to a referendum on 6 May 2021. This was approved.

7 NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2020/2021

That the list of nominations to Hart's approved list of Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.

Members discussed:

- HARAH (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) is no longer in existence.
- Military Community Covenant to be represented by Councillor Dorn and Councillor Clarke in reserve.

DECISION

Committee approved the Outside Bodies noting that a full report of responses will be brought forward to the next Council Meeting.

8 COUNCIL RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND NEXT STEPS

To receive a report from the Joint Chief Executive which provides an overview of the Council's work to support the district during the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and also provides the council's emerging recovery plan to support the district in the coming months as peak infection passes. The report includes a list of Executive decision and includes a high-level assessment of the emerging financial impacts on the council budget.

Members discussed ensuring we capture the lessons learnt from the current COVID-19 pandemic, to help inform future decision making should there be a second peak

Members were advised a mid-term review was underway, whilst recognising that we are still in response phase, with recovery running in parallel. Local Outbreak Control is a statutory requirement of Hampshire County Council with whom we are working closely as we (and in particular our Environmental Health staff) have a key role to play. The Hampshire Local Outbreak Plan is published on the HCC website .

Members asked whether data down to postcode level would be available for members of the public. It was confirmed that information would not be made available at this detail and that Hampshire County Council would control this data.

Members were keen to exploit opportunities within Hart's workstream for Community Recovery and were advised that the Covid-19 survey provided the Council the ability to collate these and formulate a plan to help embed them.

It was discussed that the Covid-19 Survey feedback didn't give enough opportunities for residents to give feedback on what they would have liked to see. It was assured that there are a range of free text boxes available for comments.

Members referenced the Secretary of State's announcement (made earlier in the day) regarding additional funding for lost income, fees and charges from Car Parking and Leisure Centres that are run by local Councils.

Members asked how Emergency Decisions were recorded, for audit purposes and were advised all such decisions formed part on an on-line Emergency Decision Log.

They also sought reassurance that the weekly meetings with Group Leaders was an effective mechanism for consultation on emergency decisions and the process enabled healthy debate.

DECISION

Members supported and approved the report.

9 REINSTATEMENT OF CAR CHARGES

To seek approval to reinstate car park charges in Harts car parks with effect from 1 August 2020 and to discuss changes to be made to off street parking tariffs before January 2021.

Members discussed the impact of the £300K income loss to Hart and that by comparison to adjacent local authorities, Hart had taken a very generous approach.

They also discussed how the council would review the impact of the car parking charges on use and how, having established a contactless system to enable payment, residents could be encouraged to return reassured they would not need to touch payment machines – with no charge to use this service, for car parking charges under £1.60, to the public.

Members discussed the recovery phase and the appetite for local Parishes to be part of discussions regarding changes to car parking tariffs.

It was acknowledged that the Council would want to reduce bureaucracy and costs to the public purse and only serve one parking notice (with the commensurate costs associated with signage and machine re-programming). Parishes would be encouraged to give a final view on whether they wished to seek any changes, to allow those that do want changes, to move forward.

DECISION

It was agreed to reinstate car park charges in all Hart off street car parks from 1 August 2020 and that no changes will be made to off street parking tariffs before January 2021.

10 COMMUNITY GARDEN AT EDENBROOK COUNTRY PARK

To seek Cabinet support for the delivery of a Community Garden initiative at Edenbrook Country Park and to release capital funding of £120,000 from the Hartland Park Development.

Members discussed:

- HVA, Hart District Council, and Hart Allotments Association to work together as one unit and to look after the administration. Management will be down to volunteers from the joint organisations and various Charitable Groups.
- Officers explained that the draft scheme and site plans are of a high standard Good quality fencing would be used including a 6ft chain link, reinforced with a substantial hedgerow forming a secure barrier.
- CCTV to prevent anti-social behaviour was confirmed as included in the fund breakdown and similarly, it was confirmed the cycle pump tracks and kneel rails along with a skate park had been risk assessed and that footpaths would be wheelchair friendly.

- HVA confirmed they had sufficient volunteers who would be happy to start the project and help with this new community garden.

DECISION

Members agreed to release the £120,00 funding.

11 SERVICE PLANS

The Autumn Service Plans had been reworked for Spring to include the impact of COVID-19. Members considered the draft Service Plans for 2020/2021.

Members noted that:

- The review of the Civic Regeneration in Fleet be included.
- Additional statutory obligations were required due to Covid-19
- Requirement for safe home visits and provisions in place for contractor's safety and the safety of our own staff when visiting disabled and vulnerable recipients meant that visits had been paused during lockdown.
- Delegation of Community Protection Orders to Housing Association was missing and to be added.

DECISION

The revised Service Plans were approved and agreed.

12 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Work Programme was considered and updated.

- To include negotiations for the Harlington Lease.
- LGA peer review to be noted as TBA

The meeting closed at 9.29pm

Appendix 1

HART REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2020/21

Outside Bodies are external organisations that have invited Hart to nominate a representative to participate in meetings etc.

Outside Bodies	No. of Representatives	Nominee(s)
Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee	2 Councillors (normally taken from Wards that include the line of the Canal)	1. Makepeace-Browne 2. Ambler
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee	2 Councillors 1 Reserve	1. Crisp 2. Harward Reserve: Quarterman
Blackbushe Metals Liaison Panel	2 Councillors	1. Crisp 2. Harward
Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport	2 Councillors 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Oliver 2. Quarterman Reserve: Radley
Blackwater Valley Recreation & Countryside Management Committee	2 Councillors (1xCabinet Member)	1. Kinnell 2. Neighbour
Citizens Advice Hart	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Bailey
Crookham Almshouse Charity (Trustee)	1 Councillor	Butler
District Councils Network	1 Councillor (Leader)	Neighbour
District Health and Wellbeing Forum	1 Councillor	Bailey
Enterprise M3 Leaders Board	1 Councillor (Leader)	Neighbour
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)	2 Councillors 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Radley 2. Axam Reserve: Ambler
Fleet Business Improvement District	1 Councillor	Oliver
Fleet Pond Society	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Wheale Reserve: Wright
Hampshire Partnership	1 Councillor, 1 Reserve (Leader & Deputy Leader)	1. Neighbour Reserve: Radley
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel	1 Councillor	Radley
Hart Voluntary Action	1 Councillor (1x Cabinet Member)	Bailey
Inclusion Hampshire	1 Councillor	Bailey
LGA General Assembly (Annual Event)	1 Councillor (Leader or Deputy Leader)	Neighbour Reserve: Radley

Local Government Association HIOW	1 Councillor (Leader) 1 Reserve	Radley Reserve: Oliver
Military Community Covenant	1 Councillor 1 Reserve	Dorn Reserve: Clarke
North East Hampshire CPRE	1 Councillor (Observer)	Clarke
North Hampshire Road Safety Council	1 Councillor 1 Reserve	Oliver Reserve: Wheale
Project Integra Strategy Board	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor (2xCabinet Members)	Oliver Reserve: Neighbour
Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership	1 Cabinet Member	Radley
South East England Councils (SEEC)	1 Councillor (Leader & Deputy Leader)	Neighbour Reserve: Radley
Thames Basin Heaths – Joint Strategic Partnership	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	Radley Reserve: Cockarill
Thames Basin Heaths – Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Project Board	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	Radley Reserve: Cockarill
The Vine Day Centre	2 Councillors	Bailey
Vivid Housing Association	1 Councillor (Observer)	1. Bailey 2. Head of Community Services