

CABINET

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

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Ambler, Bailey, Cockarill, Kinnell (from 7.02 pm), Neighbour, Oliver, Quarterman, Radley

In attendance: Crampton, Forster, Southern

Officers

Patricia Hughes	Joint Chief Executive
Andrew Vallance	Head of Corporate Services
John Elson	Head of Environmental and Technical Services
Adam Green	Ecology and Countryside Manager
Phillip Shepherd	Infrastructure Team Manager
Gill Chapman	Corporate Services

83 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

85 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that the item on Local Insurance Mutual would be taken later (see Minute 90) bearing in mind the exempt appendices.

Councillor Kinnell entered the meeting during this item.

86 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Neighbour declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Local Government Mutual item (Minute 90) as he was a member of the LGA Commercial Advisory Board and on the board of the LGA Commercial Services Ltd.

87 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

None.

88 CIVIC QUARTER REGENERATION GROUP

The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 10 December 2019 were noted.

89 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The following item contained exempt information.

Members decided whether the public interest in maintaining an exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

DECISION

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

90 INSURANCE: OFFER FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUTUAL

Cabinet considered the purchase of insurance from the Local Government Mutual. This paper had been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 17 December 2019.

After extensive debate on the commercial market, the mutualisation process, dividends, risk profiles and commercial sensitivity, the recommendation was agreed.

DECISION

That insurance from the Local Government Mutual be procured, subject to a satisfactory offer being received.

Whilst recognising the Monitoring Officers guidance that Councillor Neighbour's interest was non-pecuniary, Councillor Neighbour chose to abstain from the vote.

Appendices 1 and 2 were CONFIDENTIAL

91 PHOENIX GREEN FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Cabinet approval was sought for Hart to make a contribution towards the cost of delivering the Phoenix Green flood alleviation scheme.

Members asked for clarity on the houses affected by the flooding and discussed the benefits of the flood alleviation scheme.

DECISION

That a contribution of £70k be made towards the cost of delivering the Phoenix Green flood alleviation scheme.

92 FLEET POND FEASIBILITY STUDY AND GREEN CORRIDOR UPDATE

Cabinet were asked to approve the release of funding to procure the feasibility study to achieve a 2030 “Vision” for Fleet Pond and provide an update on delivery of the Fleet Pond Green Corridor.

Members were concerned that fixed term contracts of over two years would bring employment protection into effect, and were assured that this was common practice. They also discussed the communications and marketing strategy, and the long term legacy of this project.

DECISION

- 1 That £50k be released from District Council related section 106 contributions to procure consultants to undertake a feasibility study to develop a 2030 Fleet Pond Vision and make recommendations on suitable mitigations for the Hartland Park Village and the Fleet Pond Green Corridor.
- 2 That it be recommended to Council that £0.7m for the green corridor project is taken from Council capital reserves and not borrowed from the Local Enterprise Partnership as previously agreed by Cabinet in August 2019.
- 3 That £80k be released from ring fenced Hartland Park section 106 contributions (Fleet Pond mitigation) to procure the detailed design and supervision of the Fleet Pond Green Corridor project.
- 4 That £200k be released from ring fenced Hartland Park section 106 contributions (Fleet Pond mitigation) to employ, (on a fixed term basis):
 - An communications and engagement officer (5 year term)
 - An apprentice countryside ranger (2 year term)
 - An intern (3 year term)

93 GARDEN COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE

To provide an update on the Governance arrangements for the Garden Community further to consideration by Cabinet in November. This report was considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 17 December 2019, who had recommended no changes.

Members considered the changes around partnership of forums and board and the representatives and responsibilities, and video streaming of the meeting. After discussion the recommendation was agreed.

DECISION

That the recommended Governance approach be approved.

94 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Work Programme was considered and amended as follows:

Five Councils - report to come to February meeting

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm