

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
CABINET

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 February 2020 at 9.30 am

Present:-

Cllr V Slade – Chairman

Cllr M Howell – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr L Allison, Cllr D Brown, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr A Hadley,
Cllr S Moore, Cllr M Phipps, Cllr Dr F Rice and Cllr K Wilson

Also in attendance: Cllr S Bartlett, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr M Brooke, Cllr D Butler and
Cllr J Beesley

118. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

119. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15 January 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Voting: Unanimous

120. Public Issues

The Leader reported that two questions had been received and 3 statements.

Further to this the Leader advised that unfortunately one of the questioners was unable to attend the meeting and that she would be provided with a written response to her question.

Question from Conor O'Luby

The Cabinet has made numerous public statements regarding the destructive nature of Phase 2 of the A338-Wessex Fields Link proposals. Given the fact that the Council has the power to strike Phase 2 out of the planning application, will the Cabinet commit to doing so?

Response by the Leader of the Council

Thank you for your question about Phase Two of the Wessex Fields infrastructure. This was first requested at the consultation event last month by another member of the Holdenhurst community and I have received a number of emails making the same request.

I have huge sympathy for the position of people living in Holdenhurst who feel that without positive action this project could come forward in the future, as the planning consent was submitted and approved in a single application. I recognise that you have accepted our assurance but that your concerns rest with a future council taking a different political direction.

It is possible for the Local Planning Authority to revoke part of the planning consent but it is a lengthy and costly process and would be subject to public consultation. There remain many individuals and groups who believe that the building of the flyover should go ahead and so it is inevitable that objections would be made.

I have been advised that objections to the scheme would then instigate referral to the Secretary of State, and I do not consider there is sufficient benefit to the community to take these steps incurring additional work and costs for officers at a time when we need to create a new local plan, speed up the planning process and deal more robustly with cases of planning enforcement. I can offer my assurance and other portfolio holders that we have no intention of building out the second phase of the Wessex Fields infrastructure.

Statement from Conor O'Luby

The Winter Gardens development: large numbers of trees destroyed; entirely car dominated; not a single affordable, let alone council, home; culturally destructive as evidenced by Historic England's objection; sky-high carbon emissions due to associated cement production. Is this what the Council had in mind for Bournemouth when it declared a Climate Change Emergency?

Statement from Annette Brooke, Member of the Steering Group of Dorset Equality Group

1. DEG welcomes BCP taking a unified approach to CIL across the three previous separate councils.
2. We broadly support Option 2 which provides opportunities for bids to be submitted to the 'central pot' from community groups in wards with deprivation and needs but perhaps without the level of development experienced in more advantaged wards.
3. However, we do feel it is important that all the processes of allocating CIL accord with fundamental principles of fairness, openness, transparency, accessibility, good community engagement, and strong evidence of community ownership of any proposed project.
4. Selected projects should be financially sustainable, meet the highest environmental standards and equality principles should be applied.

Statement from Susan Chapman

Unfortunately the Community (item 15) is not yet motivated, educated and incentivised to decarbonise in time to guarantee harvests, productive soils, safe shelter or freedom from climate wars, migrations or civilisation's collapse. The overwhelming concerns of our YouthStrike4Climate activists meeting this Friday, Valentine's Day, as they beg for a safe future.

Blue carbon problems are adding to nightmare global overheating threats as Future Earth warn that environmental crises could tip the planet into "global systemic collapse". Clearly a safeguarding failure. Evidently the many £billions funding normalised extinction behaviour lifestyles and fossil energy use needs robustly challenging by BCP council.

121. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Board

Cabinet were advised that there were no additional recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Board on items not otherwise included on the Cabinet Agenda on this occasion.

122. 2020/21 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider and recommend to Council the proposed 2020/21 budget and council tax.

Cabinet were advised that the budget as presented had been drafted on a base 3.99 per cent increase in council tax as adjusted in each of the predecessor areas by the application of the policy to achieve harmonisation from 1 April 2021 onwards. It included provision to mitigate the deficit in the high needs budget of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

The Leader outlined an amendment to recommendation 'd' and an additional recommendation at 'gi'. The revision to recommendation 'd' was to reduce the transfer from early years funding to the high needs block to nil. The reduction would increase the predicted accumulated deficit on the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 31 March 2021 to £8.5 million. With the in-year deficit assessed at £3million based on a £4million transfer from the schools block. The additional recommendation at 'gi' proposed a further £0.2million one-off contribution to the Financial Liability Reserve to bring the balance to £8.5million as at the 31 March 2021. This had been identified as £0.2million of principle repayments on assumed acquisitions were not due to commence until the 2021/22 financial year.

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board outlined its recommendation to request that the Leader write to the Minister of Education to express Councillors concerns over the funding formula applied to BCP giving rise to the pressure on the Dedicated Schools Grant and the growing deficit to the High Needs Block. The Leader confirmed that the local MPs had already been written to on this subject and she confirmed she would also write to the Secretary of State for Education. The Chairman and Leader of the Conservative Group advised that they would like to co-sign the letter and this was welcomed.

Cabinet members welcomed the work in each of their portfolio areas that had been undertaken to produce a balanced budget which also delivered on the Council's priorities and harmonised Council Tax in the authority more quickly than that proposed by the Shadow Authority. The Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance thanked the Chief Financial Officer and all of the finance staff for their support in production of the budget, a process which had been underway since July 2019 and noted that the process for setting the following year's budget would be starting soon.

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- 1) a recorded vote be undertaken in relation to the following items as required by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2014 which came into force on the 25 February 2014;**
- a) A net budget of £283m, resulting in a total Council Tax Requirement of £217.1m, is set for 2020/21 based on the settlement figures published by Government in December 2019. This is based upon:**
 - i. an increase in council tax in 2020/21 which means that the BCP Unitary Charge will not increase above 3.99 per cent for any residents and individual resident charges are determined in line with the approved council tax harmonisation strategy as set out in Appendix 1a and summarised as;
 - 1. Bournemouth's BCP Unitary charge council tax being an increase of 3.84 per cent over that levied in 2019/20.**
 - 2. Christchurch's BCP Unitary charge Council Tax being a reduction of 3.55 per cent over that levied in 2019/20.**
 - 3. Poole's BCP Unitary charge Council Tax being an increase of 3.83 per cent over that levied in 2019/20.**

These increases can be compared to the 3.99 per cent maximum permitted increase for 2020/21 and recognises that the Government continue to promote council tax increases via the social care precept as a funding mechanism for Social Care.**
 - ii. the key assumptions and provisions made in the budget as proposed, set out in paragraph 39 to 55 of the associated report;**
 - iii. the allocations to service areas in the budget as proposed and as set out in Appendix 2a of the associated report;**
 - iv. the Capital Investment Programme (CIP) as set out in paragraphs 93 to 109 and Appendix 4 of the associated report;**
 - v. the use and level of all reserves to be held by the Council further to the advice of the Chief Finance Officer as set out in paragraphs 109 to 121 and Appendix 3 to this report;**
 - vi. Treasury Management Strategy (TMS) and prudential indicators as set out in paragraphs 122 to 126 and Appendix 5;**
 - vii. the Chief Officers' Pay Policy Statement for consideration and approval by the council in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 as set out in paragraphs 128 to 129 and Appendix 7 of the associated report;**
 - viii. that councillor allowances for 2020/21 will be increased in line with the national salary award as discussed in paragraphs 130 to 132 of the associated report;**
- b) the flexible use of capital receipts strategy to deliver significant resources towards the BCP Council transformation programme as set out in paragraphs 62 to 73 of the report be approved;**
- c) a £2 million 2020/21 Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay (RCCO) to provide a minimum level of annual investment in the capital programme be approved;**

- d) it approves to support the high needs block of the DSG by a £4 million (1.9 per cent) transfer from the schools block, and a nil transfer of early years funding;
- e) a £1.2 million contribution to a Financial Liability Earmarked Reserve to be approved to provide a sustainable funding source to help mitigate the estimated 2020/21 deficit on the High Needs Block of the DSG;
- f) the allocation of reserves received from the disaggregation of the balance sheet of Dorset County Council with the residual Financial Planning Earmarked Reserve be approved to further support the Financial Liability Reserve;
- g) it notes the intention, that should the Government agree to provide a specific grant to cover the accumulated deficit on the High Needs Block of the DSG, to redirect the Financial Liability Reserve to further support the Councils corporate priorities including transformation;
- gi) a further £0.2m contribution to a Financial Liability Earmarked Reserve by a further one-off contribution to the reserve in 2020/21 be approved; and
- h) that the Chief Finance Officer provides council with a schedule setting out the rate of council tax for each category of dwelling further to councillors consideration of the decision required in respect of (a) above and after taking account of the precepts to be levied by the local Police and Fire Authorities, Neighbourhood, Town and Parish Councils, and Chartered Trustees once these have been determined prior to the Authority meeting on the 18 February 2020.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

123. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools and Early Years Funding Formulae 2020/21

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were advised that the Council is required to set funding formulae for:

- Early education and childcare for those aged 2 and 3 & 4
- Mainstream schools for reception to year 11

In relation to this Members were advised that consultation had taken place with all relevant providers, schools and the Schools Forum.

This report and recommendations were considered by the Cabinet at the same time as the Medium Term Financial Plan Budget report.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (a) the early years formula set out in Table 2 of paragraph 21 be approved;
- (b) the mainstream school's formula set out in Table 6 of Appendix 2 of the report be approved allowing for a £4 million (1.91%) transfer of Schools Block funding to High Needs;

- (c) **if DfE approval is given for a transfer up to only £1.8m, the local formula is to adopt the NFF funding values and mechanisms;**
- (d) **delegation of the final decision on the mainstream school's formula, when all DfE decisions are known, be given to the Corporate Director, Children's Services, in consultation with the Children's Services Cabinet Member, taking into account the methodology recommended by the Schools Forum in Table 8 of Appendix 3 of the report; and**
- (e) **the Minimum Funding Guarantee for specialist providers is set at 0 per cent to allow maximum budget flexibility.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

124. Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring Report 2019-20

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were advised of the council's performance against budget for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019.

In relation to this the Portfolio Holder confirmed that savings had been made from each directorate.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) **the report contents and the projected outturn position be noted;**
- (b) **the reports from the Corporate Directors of Adult Social Care and Resources in the appendices to the report be noted; and**
- (c) **the forecast year end outturn positions for capital, reserves and Housing Revenue Account neighbourhood accounts be noted.**

RECOMMENDED that Council agree to release up to £2.7 million of the Financial Resilience earmarked reserves to support the 2019/20 annual budget as detailed in paragraph 47 of the associated report.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

125. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting 2020/21

The Portfolio Holder for Housing presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet approval and recommendation was sought for the proposed budget for the HRA for 2020/21 and the key principles on which it based.

Cabinet were informed that the report set out the proposals regarding the rents, service charges and other charges to tenants as well as the expenditure plans for the 2020/21 rent year. These proposals and the

actions within the delivery plans for each neighbourhood all support the priorities set out in the Council's new Corporate Strategy.

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board outlined concerns raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Board regarding the recommendation '2x' relating to the £2 million to be contributed from the HRA towards BCP Council's transformation programme and the benefit that this would bring for residents. The Portfolio Holder advised that the HRA was not a separate fund but a ring-fenced account of certain defined transactions, relating to local authority housing, within the Councils General Fund. The HRA was governed by a statute as to what could be charged to and credited against the account. Including proportionate costs of a corporate nature borne by the Council.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommends that Full Council approves the following:-

- 1. The set of key principles proposed for the HRA operating in both Bournemouth and Poole neighbourhoods for 2020/21 be approved as follows:-**
 - (i) Deliver strong financial management of the HRA which maximises the ability to collect income, gain efficiencies and service outstanding debt**
 - (ii) Ensure HRA stock is adequately and efficiently maintained particularly in relation to the Council's legal obligation to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its tenants**
 - (iii) Focus on the delivery of effective housing management services to support successful tenancies and strong and sustainable communities**
 - (iv) Continue to secure funding opportunities to deliver additional social rented and affordable housing through new build and acquisitions**

These principles, and the actions that will be linked to them in the Delivery Plans, support the newly agreed themes within the Council's Corporate Strategy.

Note that these objectives are broadly stated in order of priority. As a landlord, it is important that debt is serviced in the first instance, followed by ensuring the effective and efficient maintenance and management of the properties and support for tenants. Subsequent surpluses and borrowing will then be maximised to bring forward additional affordable housing.

- 2. That revenue budgets for 2020/21 and provisionally for 2021/22 and 2022/23 are set using the following principles: -**
 - (i) That dwelling rents are increased by 2.7 per cent (CPI for September 2019 + 1 per cent) in line with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Policy statement on rents for social housing published in February 2019.**

- (ii) That garage rental charges are increased by RPI which for September 2019 was 2.4 per cent across both the Bournemouth and Poole neighbourhoods.
- (iii) That leasehold services are charged to leaseholders in line with actual costs incurred.
- (iv) That the following tenant service charges are budgeted for based on an increase of 2.4 per cent:
 - Scooter charges (both neighbourhoods)
 - Laundry (Bournemouth neighbourhood)
 - Window cleaning (Bournemouth neighbourhood).

And that a 2 per cent increase is applied to caretaker charges and a 3 per cent decrease for utility charges in the Poole neighbourhood.

- (v) That service charges within the Bournemouth neighbourhood for communal gardening and cleaning will be adjusted based on the cost of providing the service. The previously approved tenant service charge policy will continue to be rolled out with communal electricity charges applied from 1 April 2020.
 - (vi) That the PHP management fee paid from the HRA is increased by £203,000 to reflect pay award and employer contribution pension increases and new annual IT licencing costs.
 - (vii) That the bad debt provision is held at 2019/20 levels for both neighbourhoods - £188,000 for the Bournemouth neighbourhood and £197,000 for the Poole neighbourhood.
 - (viii) That the depreciation budget for the Bournemouth neighbourhood is decreased by £65,000 and by £21,000 for the Poole neighbourhood.
 - (ix) That HRA reserves should be maintained at a minimum level of 5 per cent of total expenditure. This equates to £1.103 million for the Bournemouth neighbourhood and £803,000 for the Poole neighbourhood for 2020/21, totalling £1.906 million.
 - (x) That a one-off contribution of £1 million from each neighbourhood HRA to the General Fund is proposed in support of the overall cost of BCP Council's transformation programme to implement organisational change on the proviso that the HRA also benefits from the savings that are made because of the programme.
3. That capital budgets for 2020/21 and provisionally for 2021/22 and 2022/23 are set using the following principles: -
- (i) That funding totalling £4.3 million is carried forward from the 2019/20 Bournemouth neighbourhood capital programme and that funding totalling £5.659 million is carried forward from the 2019/20 Poole neighbourhood capital programme, to

- more accurately reflect cash flow of agreed projects between financial years.
- (ii) That the planned maintenance programmes as set out in Appendix E to the associated report are agreed.
 - (iii) That the major projects plan as set out in paragraphs 81 to 94 and Appendix F to the associated report is agreed.
 - (iv) That the development of Luckham Road/Charminster Close and the determination of the final funding arrangements delegated to the s151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Holders for Housing and Finance are agreed.
 - (v) That final approval is provided for the development of temporary accommodation at Herbert Avenue to progress through to completion in line with the approved Business Case.
4. That the Delivery Plans for each neighbourhood to support the key principles for the HRA and the Council's new Corporate Strategy are agreed as set out in appendices G and H to the associated report.
5. That further work is supported regarding the financial remodelling of the HRA and its two neighbourhood accounts to: -
- (i) Agree a Housing Development Strategy for new build activity to consolidate the way forward on issues such as the delivery of social rented homes and the achievement of sustainable new build housing with these being brought forward during 2020.
 - (ii) Review options for current stock and a refresh of the Asset Management Strategy to assess opportunities for delivering higher standards of sustainability for all existing homes.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Housing

126. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'E' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet approval was sought for the governance of BCP Council CIL receipts. Cabinet were advised that the report covered proposed governance for both strategic and neighbourhood portion CIL monies.

Cabinet were further advised that the second part of the report focused on the CIL Neighbourhood Portion, which requires 15% to 25% of CIL to be set aside for local projects. Cabinet were informed that the options for this were to either adopt the system of collecting the Neighbourhood Portion on a ward basis or pooling the monies into a single pot. Whilst both options had merits the pooling option seemed to be a fair and equitable way of distributing CIL.

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board outlined the recommendations from the Board which requested the Cabinet agree to the ward-based option whilst recognising the opportunity to pool resources should they wish to. The reasons for the Boards recommendation was that the neighbourhood portion should be used for the communities directly impacted by developments. It was also noted that many areas did not have community groups who could put forward bids for the monies and ward councillors had a good knowledge of their local areas and what was needed.

A Councillor present at the meeting raised issues regarding the distinction between the strategic portion of the CIL and the use for local neighbourhoods and improvements for the whole community which were not necessarily strategic issues. In respect of this it was highlighted that previously money had been used for projects that benefited the wider community rather than the immediate local, in relation to this it was felt that these were strategic and should have been funded from the strategic fund. The Councillor also raised that the strategic fund should be subdivided into two portions when developing the IFS. In addition the Councillor addressing Cabinet suggested that because the Neighbourhood Forums, especially those with Neighbourhood plans, were statutory bodies they should be involved in all aspects of the development of the new policy, and that where they are impacted by developments in surrounding areas they should also be allowed to bid into the second strategic pot. The Portfolio Holder advised that he supported the view that Neighbourhood Forums as statutory planning consultants should be consulted in regards to the selection of projects for the Strategic CIL.

The Cabinet were requested by another Councillor that whatever decision it takes is kept under review and questioned the information provided on the number of schemes supported within each of the legacy Councils and the date that this pertained to. The Portfolio Holder undertook to provide this information.

Further to this Cabinet were also asked to consider a more inclusive panel to consider the distribution of the fund than that which was outlined in the report at paragraph 28. The Portfolio Holder agreed that there was a need for the Panel to be more inclusive.

Cabinet members outlined their support for option 2, noting that neighbourhoods were not necessarily defined by wards and there were areas which were nil rated for CIL who wouldn't have access to CIL despite developments taking place. It was also felt that there was still a strong role for Ward Councillors.

The Leader requested that there should be some evaluation on what success looked like for use of CIL and its impact on communities.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (a) the Director for Growth & Infrastructure be authorised to lead production of the BCP Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) by December 2020. The IFS will outline the allocation of strategic CIL proportionately across the BCP area once published;**

- (b) the Director for Growth & Infrastructure be authorised to commence work on a consolidated BCP Charging Schedule that will replace the legacy charging schedules in due course and will be the subject of full consultation;**
- (c) the 15% neighbourhood proportion collected in the previously unparished areas of Christchurch is passed on to Christchurch Town Council and Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council.**
- (d) Option 2 as set out in this report will be introduced and will replace the legacy CIL Neighbourhood Portion arrangements in Bournemouth and Poole on 1st October 2020. The legacy arrangements will remain in place until they are superseded on 1st October 2020;**
- (e) delegate the set-up arrangements for the BCP CIL Neighbourhood Portion scheme to the Director for Growth & Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Strategic Planning and Leisure and Communities;**
- (f) that a cross party panel be established which includes the Portfolio Holders for Strategic Planning and Leisure and Communities, to consider applications to the CIL Neighbourhood Portion and also has input into the set up arrangements for the BCP CIL Neighbourhood Portion scheme, the infrastructure funding statement and charging schedule; and**
- (g) that an automatic review of the CIL Neighbourhood Portion arrangements be scheduled for 12 months following its commencement.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Strategic Planning

(Councillor M Brooke left the Cabinet meeting after this item).

127. Organisational Development – Estates & Accommodation Strategy

The Leader of the Council presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'F' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were advised that the principle of adopting a single council hub to support the future operating model and ways of working described in the Organisational Design Programme, had already been agreed. In relation to this Cabinet were informed that the report outlined the current Estates position and, the options for achieving a single council hub.

It was noted that recycling one of the existing buildings was the preferred option. Neither of the main office accommodation in Christchurch or Poole was of sufficient size to accommodate the requirements of BCP Council.

Cabinet were informed that the Overview and Scrutiny Board had established a working group to look into this issue. The Leader requested that staff were fully engaged in the process moving forward. It was noted that there would be a Member/ Officer working group looking at issues

around decanting and staff concerns. Cabinet Members raised concerns about how the venues not identified as the main hub would be redeveloped and it was noted that this would be given careful consideration in future.

Councillor Butler requested that the future of the buildings not being used as the main centre for the Council be opened up to public consultation.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the findings and recommendations as outlined in this Report be endorsed and adopted;**
- (b) the refurbishment of the current Bournemouth Town Hall complex be adopted as the preferred model to deliver the BCP Council Civic Centre;**
- (c) an exercise to Pre-Engage the market in order to assess and test the potential supplier relationship options and costs to support the implementation of the BCP Council Civic Centre be approved;**
- (d) the S151 Officer be authorised to consider the potential impact of the costs and benefits of the BCP Council Civic Centre project on future versions of the BCP Council Financial Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan;**
- (e) the Cabinet agree to receive a further paper in June 2020 setting out the delivery plan and funding arrangements for the BCP Council Civic Centre project.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

128. Corporate Strategy – Delivery Plans

The Leader of the Council presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'G' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to approve the delivery plan and to support the development of a Corporate Performance Framework to provide a mechanism for monitoring progress and ensuring accountability for delivery.

In relation to this Cabinet were reminded that BCP Council's Corporate Strategy was adopted by Council in November 2019, and that the strategy set out the Council's vision, ambition and priorities, and the values which underpin the way the council will work as it develops and delivers its services.

Further to this Cabinet were advised that the delivery plans had now been prepared in consultation with Cabinet Members, Members of the Directors Strategy Group and Council officers to show how the priorities will be achieved. In relation to this Cabinet were informed that these high-level plans explain some of the journey so far, the current and future planned activity under each individual objective, and how success will be monitored and measured.

Cabinet were advised that delivery plans will be a key component of a Corporate Performance Management Framework.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the delivery plans be approved; and**
- (b) the development of a Corporate Performance Framework to provide a mechanism for monitoring progress and ensuring accountability for delivery be supported.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

129. Carter Expansion Project Update

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Families presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'H' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report updated Cabinet on the partnership arrangements that are proposed to enable the Carter Community School expansion project to progress. In addition the report recommended the financial package, requiring contributions from the Council and ULT, to facilitate the completion of the project to an acceptable standard to enable the statutory function of pupil place planning to be delivered.

Cabinet were advised that the United Learning Academy had issued a statement in respect of the proposed financial strategy within the report wholly supporting the strategy.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Cabinet note that ULT have committed £379k to complete works to refurbish science rooms and toilet facilities;**
- (b) Cabinet approve the allocation of £224k from the unallocated Basic Need Contingency to part fund the completion of the Technology Block;**
- (c) Cabinet approve the application in principle to access early draw down of future Basic Needs capital resources from the ESFA of up to £0.55M to facilitate the completion funding of the Technology Block. This £0.55M being part of the formulaic £4.1M that is due to be allocated to BCP in the financial year 2020/21;**
- (d) Cabinet noted ULT will seek to identify further available capital resources from their annual formulaic allocation to complete outstanding works over the course of the next three financial years;**
- (e) Cabinet approve the revised financial strategy for this project as set out at Appendix B of the report;**
- (f) Cabinet agreed that a formal legal agreement be drawn up between the parties committing to the financial strategy and commitment of both parties ahead of any monies being released to ULT in respect of the Technology Block.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Children and Families

130. Consultation on School Admissions Arrangements 2021/22

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Families presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'I' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were advised that BCP Council is legally required to determine admission arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year for all maintained schools for which it is an admission authority and to agree co-ordinated admission arrangements for all admission authorities in the area.

In relation to this Cabinet were informed that arrangements must be determined by BCP Council by 28 February 2020.

Cabinet were requested to consider and approve the admission arrangements and coordinated admissions scheme.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the admission arrangements for maintained community and voluntary controlled schools in accordance with Part III, Chapter I, Section 89 of the 1998 School Standards and Framework Act and Section 1 of the School Admissions Code 2014 be approved; and**
- (b) the Coordinated Admissions Scheme for the administration of the 2021/22 year in accordance with Part III, Chapter I, Section 89 of the 1998 School Standards and Framework Act and paragraphs 2.20-2.22 of the School Admissions Code 2014 be approved.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Children and Families

131. BCP Children's Services

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Families presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'J' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider and approve the draft principles contained with Appendix 1 of the report.

In relation to this Cabinet were advised that the document outlined a range of initiatives, either new, in development or established, which collectively represent BCP's Family Support, Early Help and Young People's Strategic Framework (2020-2023) and outlines how we will deliver the ambitions within the BCP Corporate Strategy.

RESOLVED that the draft principles contained within Appendix 1 of the report "BCP Family Support, Early Help and Young Peoples Services, 2020-2023" be approved.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Children and Families

132. Traffic Regulation Orders

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'K' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider representations made in response to the advertisement of a number of Traffic Regulation Orders. In addition Cabinet were requested to approve the sealing and advertisement of a number of other Traffic Regulation Orders.

Cabinet were advised that the reports had been considered by the Transportation Advisory Group at their recent meeting, and that the minutes of the meeting had been appended to the report for Cabinet's consideration.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in Stourbank Road as set out in TRO sub-report A, be approved;**
- (b) that the Orders relating to Disabled Parking Bays as set out in TRO sub-report B, be approved;**
- (c) that the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in Beresford Road as set out in TRO sub-report C, be approved;**
- (d) that the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in Alipore Cloase and the junction with Birchwood Road as set out in TRO sub-report D, be approved;**
- (e) that the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in Doyne Road as set out in TRO sub-report F, be approved;**
- (f) that the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in Dunford Road as set out in TRO sub-report G, be approved;**
- (g) that the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders as set out in TRO sub-report G, be approved; and**
- (h) that the advertisement of Disabled Parking Space changes as set out in TRO sub-report H, be approved.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transport and Infrastructure

133. Bournemouth Town Centre Vision (TCV): Winter Gardens Site

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'L' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were updated on the progress of this £150 million project and in relation to this were requested to consider approval of a number of

decisions which have an impact on the ability to secure third party funding for the scheme.

Cabinet were advised that approval would enable this exciting and reputationally important scheme to go ahead, helping to deliver high quality homes and increased footfall in Bournemouth Town Centre.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the amendment of the existing £3.4m loan for the purchase of the Exeter Road site to an “Additional Council Finance loan note” be approved;**
- (b) the increase in the long lease term from 150 years to 250 years (or whatever is market appropriate) be approved;**
- (c) the increase to “Advance Sum” budget to the sums set out in the Advances Sum’s table in the report be approved; and**
- (d) a change to the “Option Execute Date” to 3 years after the date of planning consent be approved.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Regeneration and Culture

134. Cotlands Road and York Road Site Development Plan (SDP)

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'M' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were informed that on 20 February 2019, Bournemouth Borough Council’s Cabinet approved the SDP for these sites and the recommendations outlined clearly align to the purpose of the SDP.

Cabinet were advised that the inclusion of the additional sites in the Option Agreement means that the Council can deliver a new public car park with sufficient capacity required to enable BDC to undertake a comprehensive development at the Cotlands Road site and meet the objectives of the Lansdowne Delivery plan.

Further to this Cabinet were advised that the inclusion of the Additional Sites in the Option Agreement enables BDC to require the Council to grant BDC a lease of the Additional Sites (subject to certain conditions) and so to retain control over the development of the Additional Sites and the Cotlands Road Site to facilitate the development as outlined in the approved SDP.

Cabinet were informed that the three development sites which total circa 1ha are currently used as surface level car parks which is not an efficient use of land. The development proposal will consolidate and facilitate maintenance by the Council of the same quantum of public car parking provision through the Council-funded construction of a decked structure and release valuable land for development by BDC.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the inclusion of the two Council owned York Road car parks (the Additional Sites) into the Bournemouth Development**

Company option agreement to support the redevelopment of Cotlands Road for the residual value detailed in the non-public report;

- (b) approves the development of one of the Additional Sites by the Bournemouth Development Company through the proposed delivery mechanism to provide the Council with a new public Multi-Storey car park at York Road;**
- (c) delegates authority to the Chief Executive (and Corporate Property Officer) and the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture to agree the terms and authorise the Council to enter into;**
 - (i) a deed of variation to the BDC option agreement to add the two York Road car parks as Additional Sites;**
 - (ii) a development agreement for one of the Additional Sites;**
 - (iii) and to decide whether to implement the contract clarifications and/or to issue a VEAT notice and, if so, on what terms.**

RECOMMENDED that Council amend the Capital Programme to include a £10.6 million provision for the construction of a Multi Storey Car Park on one of the Additional Sites to be funded by prudential borrowing.

Voting: Nem. Con. (1 abstention)

Portfolio Holder: Regeneration and Culture

135. Cabinet Forward Plan

The Leader advised that the latest Cabinet Forward Plan had been published on the Council's website.

The meeting ended at 12.50 pm

CHAIRMAN