

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
CABINET

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2019 at 10.00 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 D Butler, Cllr R Lawton, Cllr J Edwards,
Cllr G Farquhar, Cllr M Haines, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr M Cox,
Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr J Kelly, Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr M White and
Cllr L Williams

8. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

9. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

10. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed, subject to the addition of Councillor Anne Filer on the list of councillors in attendance.

The Cabinet agreed that future minutes should list the number of members of the public attending the meeting.

11. Public Issues

The Leader reported that a public question had been submitted by Michael Forte.

Public Question from Michael Forte, local resident:

“Have the parties (BCP, Contractors and Sub-contractors) involved in the current programme to implement 5G technology in the BCP area undertaken a full Environmental Impact Assessment for all areas impacted (including the impact on wild and domestic animals, insects, plants and the health of humans) and openly shared the results of these with Cabinet Members?”

Response by Councillor Vikki Slade (Leader of the Council):

“No, a Full Environmental Impact Assessment has not been undertaken. For any Council led 5G deployment in the Lansdowne testbed, we will be looking at the environmental impact as part of the process. This will be shared with Cabinet Members. For commercial 5G deployment, the responsibility will be with the Mobile Network Operators to meet planning requirements and adhere to guidelines set by International Commission on Non-Ionising Radio Protection (ICNIRP).”

The Leader reported that the following statements had been submitted:

Statement from Sheela Hagan, local resident:

“I represent a growing number of BCP residents concerned about 5G. We were not consulted, and I do not give my permission to be part of the 5G experiment. Concerned tourists and visitors may boycott BCP should 5G rollout. Whether 5G is harmful to life on Earth, is not clear. Numerous scientific papers question its safety to life. Lloyds refuse to cover 5G illness claims, our Government, have a basic duty of care, to safeguard citizens. A number of towns, are postponing 5G rollout whilst investigating its safety. Our Council should halt 5G until its safety has been confirmed.”

Statement from Sarah Ward, local resident, in relation to agenda item 6: Holes Bay, Poole (former Power Station Site) Acquisition Strategy:

“The Power Station site gives BCP Council an opportunity to illustrate its commitment to tackling the climate emergency through innovative, sustainable and zero carbon delivery. By using a ‘community wealth building’ approach, using local skills, materials and supply chains, BCP could also support the local economy. The housing crisis means record numbers are living in inadequate but expensive housing and there is a huge increase in rough sleeping. The council must focus on how this development can be part of the solution by providing truly affordable and social housing alongside infrastructure that meets the growing demands the development will bring.”

Statement from Alix Digby-West, Power House Project Leader, in relation to agenda item 6: Holes Bay, Poole (former Power Station Site) Acquisition Strategy:

“The Power House – Poole is a local charity working towards building a landmark cultural and community centre in the heart of the Regeneration Area, connecting the new communities together and with the existing communities of Poole and Hamworthy. Our focus is creative arts, well-being, and enhancing youth provision and intergenerational activities in Poole. We are concerned that the current application for the former power station site does not provide sufficient community facilities. We believe a new approach is needed to deliver a sustainable community and homes for local people, while providing a more creatively planned public realm for all.”

Statement read out by the Leader on behalf of Sarah Fisher, local resident, in relation to agenda item 15: Community Governance Review Petition – Throop and Holdenhurst:

“Over 50% of residents signed the petition for a Community Governance Review in the belief that present arrangements do not properly represent the views and needs of the local community. This needs to change.

The creation of a Throop and Holdenhurst Parish council will enable residents to have a real say in the future of their local community, including the maintenance and protection of its unique geographical area, by allowing meaningful consultation and involvement in matters such as:

- Planning and development.
- The maintenance of three conservation areas and Green belt.
- Improvements to road infrastructure and road safety.
- Community sustainability.”

Petition regarding 5G technology from Michael Forte, local resident:

The Leader invited Mr Michael Forte to present a petition of signatures regarding 5G technology. Although the signed petition was received after the deadline, the Cabinet was willing to accept the petition due to the level of public interest. As there was no specific agenda item on 5G the matter would not be discussed at this meeting.

“I would like to bring to your attention that it is the view of many people in the community that they feel very concerned about the proposed introduction, installation and operation of 5G technology in the BCP City Region. Their primary fear is that this new and largely untested 5G technology still has not had any publicly available official government safety reports or environmental or health risk assessments before the nation is to be fully exposed to it. It is experimental technology which contravenes the Nuremberg Code. The outdated official government exposure guidelines and criteria for Radio Frequency does not cover the effects of 5G frequency emissions. Independent peer reviewed research results indicate that it is extremely likely to cause significant health issues for people, animals, insects and even bacteria exposed to it. The long term effects of exposure to 5G are unknown, especially for vulnerable groups such as young children, pregnant women and the infirm who are more at risk than adults.

The UK Government has not stated that 5G is a safe, time proven technology without risks to health. Nor have they disproved or countered reports from scientists and health officials who have expressed and documented their serious concerns about the public exposure to 5G frequency emissions. An increasing number of countries, states and cities that have looked at the peer documented facts and potential health risks have decided to say no to 5G technology. Until there are test results and health assurances to confirm these frequencies do not pose a significant health risk or damage to the environment and living organisms, the Precautionary Principle must be applied. Glastonbury Town Council has

accepted its responsibility for environmental impact and community health regarding 5G frequency emissions. The Council can now fully investigate and take the proper advice in order to make an informed decision regarding exposure to this technology. There are genuine health concerns in the BCP community about the roll-out of 5G. I speak on behalf of the citizens represented by this Cabinet who have genuine concerns regarding the impact of 5G and ask that these concerns be acknowledged and acted upon. There is an expectation that BCP Council will respond to its community's concerns and in mitigation accept that it has a Duty of Care and Social Responsibility to be proactive by invoking the Precautionary Principle while it considers fully the consequences of introducing 5G technology. There is new hope in the community that the newly-formed Unity Alliance Administration puts people before politics.”

The Leader thanked Mr Forte and assured him that the Council would take forward the issues raised in the petition, and in previous correspondence on the same subject, as part of its engagement process

12. Armed Forces Covenant

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

The Armed Forces Covenant committed the Council to ensuring that people who were currently serving and who had served in the Armed Forces and their Families received respect, support and fair treatment and faced no disadvantage compared with other citizens. By virtue of its predecessor Councils being signatories to the Covenant, BCP Council was committed to the principles of the Covenant and delivery of relevant Council and multi-agency plans to implement the Covenant.

The Cabinet was asked to agree to the appointment of a Member Champion for the Covenant, to be the Councillor representative on the Dorset Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board and a champion for the Council's delivery of the Covenant.

RESOLVED that Councillor David Kelsey to be Member Champion for the Armed Forces Covenant as part of its Council-wide Commitment to the Covenant.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

13. Holes Bay, Poole (former power station site) Acquisition Strategy

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

The Cabinet was advised that the current private-sector led development for the former power station site had stalled, and it was recommended that the Council pursue an alternative approach which could enable the acquisition of the site with support from Homes England and the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (DLEP). The recommendations in the report

aimed to progress the delivery of much needed housing, within the context of the Government's housing targets for the BCP area, and to seek to retain the external funding allocated for the site which was time limited. The Portfolio Holder emphasised that the use of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers was a contingency.

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board reported that the Board, at its meeting on 8 July 2019 resolved to support the recommendations as outlined within the Cabinet report. He requested that if there was further information available to support the risk, delivery or evidence base for recommendations it would be helpful to have this shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Board in future.

A number of Cabinet Members commented on the community, social and cultural benefits which the proposal could bring, and the opportunity to deliver a sustainable development on a brownfield site which would relieve pressure on the green belt. It was noted that the O&S Board would have the opportunity to consider the full business case for site acquisition. The Cabinet had regard to the statements provided by members of the public on this agenda item. It was noted that it was currently still in the landowners control to bring the site forward if they wished, but as the funding was time limited it was important for the Council to have a strategy in place.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- (a) Notes that progress in bringing the site (indicatively edged red on the plan attached at appendix 1) forward has stalled and supports an alternative approach which seeks to explore options for bringing this key brownfield site into public ownership.**
- (b) Allocates a sum of £150,000 from Homes England capacity funding to develop a site acquisition strategy with specialist estates and legal advice.**
- (c) Notes that the acquisition strategy will be presented to Council and that members will then be presented with the full business case for site acquisition including the use of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers as a contingency.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Housing

14. Bournemouth International Centre (BIC) investment strategy

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

The Cabinet was advised that it was proposed to undertake a feasibility study to consider wider options for refurbishing or replacing the BIC for the next 30+ years. The proposal was considered timely, taking into account the age of the BIC and the opportunity to cease the procurement process for the hotel development on the site adjacent to the BIC. This would

enable the Council to take a holistic approach to the site, providing a comprehensive list of options going forward.

The Chairman of the O&S Board reported that the Board, at its meeting on 8 July 2019 resolved to support recommendations (a) and (c) as outlined within the Cabinet report but disagreed with recommendation (b). The Board considered that the procurement process for the hotel site should be continued and a further decision taken on whether to proceed should be taken following the outcome of the procurement process. It was noted that this was not a unanimous decision of the Board and had required the Chairman to use his casting vote.

In considering the recommendations, a number of Cabinet Members commented on the strategic importance of the BIC and supported the reasons for including the site adjacent to the BIC in considering the whole site. It was acknowledged that this was a change in approach to the site from that of the preceding authority and would enable the Council to look at the whole range of options. It was not considered appropriate for the Council to proceed with the procurement process unless this was done in good faith. The Cabinet was not minded to change the recommendations.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Cabinet approves £170,000 funding for a feasibility study to reimagine the BIC for the next 30+ years**
- (b) Cabinet formally agrees to the discontinuance of the procurement process authorised by the Cabinet of Bournemouth Borough Council in October 2018 relating to the hotel adjacent to the BIC.**
- (c) Cabinet confirms its commitment to ongoing investment in the BIC in order for it to remain competitive and requests officers to make specific investment recommendations at a future Cabinet meeting.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holders: The Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Leisure and Communities, and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture

15. Princess Road Housing Scheme

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

The Cabinet was advised that the Princess Road and Prince of Wales Road site previously contained 9 detached and semi-detached properties of accommodation for approximately 60 people with complex needs. The only property remaining was 129-131 Princess Road, the other properties having been demolished due to their condition and in readiness for the new development. The current proposal presented a new build scheme of 121 apartments and a 20-bed family hostel and associated parking to be provided on this site. The Portfolio Holder emphasised that this was a really good scheme, providing a large mixed tenure development with the

majority being affordable homes. It would help towards imminent new Local Plan housing targets and would contribute significantly to unmet housing needs.

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Bob Lawton for his role in bringing this scheme forward as previous Portfolio Holder in the former Bournemouth Borough Council. Councillor Lawton commended the scheme to the Cabinet.

A Councillor present at the meeting asked the Cabinet to rethink the scheme due to the lack of social housing in the proposed tenure and concerns about the affordability of 'affordable housing' for many people on the housing register.

The Chairman of the O&S Board reported that the Board, at its meeting on 8 July 2019 resolved to support the recommendations as outlined within the Cabinet report.

In considering the recommendations, Cabinet Members supported the principle of social housing as a priority consideration in new builds going forward. The Portfolio Holder reported that he had challenged officers on this issue, however the £5.1 million subsidy required for social rented homes in this case would have made the total scheme unviable. It was noted that 72% of the total homes on the proposed site would be affordable rent and shared ownership at local housing allowance rates, which was considerably higher than the 40% required within policy.

RECOMMENDED that Full Council:-

- (a) Approves the proposed £32m housing scheme for progressing to planning and subsequent tender, commencement and completion of build subject to the conditions set out in the Financial Strategy and authorises the Corporate Director for Environment and Community to approve necessary appropriations and contractual and legal agreements in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer.**
- (b) Approves the financial strategy for the scheme as set out in paragraphs 34 to 58 with specific approval for:**
 - i. The appropriation of land from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to enable the development of the affordable housing is valued at £1.25m.**
 - ii. £18.222m of prudential borrowing to be repaid over 50 years with £8.88m being used to finance the General Fund (Hostel and Private Rented Sector) scheme and £9.342m being used to finance the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (Affordable rented and Shared Ownership Scheme).**
 - iii. The utilisation of the capital receipt (valued at £495k) from the sale of the building at Oxford Road referred to in paragraph 43 of the report.**

- (c) **Authorises the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance to determine the detailed funding arrangements.**
- (d) **Authorises the Corporate Property Officer in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to agree the detailed contract provisions; and;**
- (e) **Approves the grant of a 25-year lease of the completed private rented sector (PRS) part of the development to Seascape Homes and Property Limited on terms to be agreed by the Corporate Property Officer in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.**

Voting: Unanimous
Portfolio Holder for Housing

16. Happyland, East Undercliff Promenade – Grant of Lease

The Leader reported that this item was being postponed until the Cabinet meeting in September, to enable the Cabinet to be provided with clarity on a number of outstanding issues.

17. Traffic Regulation Orders

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

The report sought Cabinet approval for public consultation on a number of proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and a number of Traffic Regulation Orders which have been out to public consultation. The Cabinet was also asked to agree to delegate approval in future for Traffic Regulation Orders and related Highways Orders where these had been subject to the required public consultation and no objections received.

The Leader of the Council explained that for the purposes of transparency it had been agreed that items such as this which may previously have been dealt with through individual Portfolio Holder decisions, were now being determined by the Cabinet.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- (a) **Having considered the representations on advertised Traffic Regulation Orders, approves the making of the Order in respect of the following which are set out in Appendices A – C:**
 - Dunyeats Road**
 - Whittles Way**
 - West Quay Road**
- (b) **Gives approval to advertise Traffic Regulation Orders for the following in connection with schemes currently under**

construction, approved developments or external funding as set out in Appendix D:

Blackwater Junction Slip Roads

Holes Bay Road/Dorset Way

Blandford Close

Lake Avenue

- (c) Gives approval to advertise Traffic Regulation Orders for the following Council schemes set out in Appendices E-G:**

Lower Blandford Road

Stourbank Road

Danecourt Road

- (d) Approves Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of the following where no representations have been received as set out in Appendix H:**

Woodend Rd

Holdenhurst Road

Lansdown Road

Oxford Road

St Paul's Place

- (e) Approves changes to pedestrian crossing arrangements in Oxford Road and Charminster Avenue where no representations have been received as set out in Appendix H.**
- (f) Notes that a 20mph speed limit will be implemented in the Tatnam Road area referred to in Appendix H.**
- (g) Delegates authority to the Director for Growth and Infrastructure to make Traffic Regulation Orders and related Highways Orders where the required public consultation has been undertaken and no objections have been received.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transport and Infrastructure

18. Review of Planning Call-in arrangements within BCP Constitution

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

The Cabinet was advised that the Shadow Authority adopted a Constitution for BCP Council at its meeting on 21 February 2019, which included provision for Councillors in their Ward Councillor role to “call-in” certain specified types of applications to be considered by the Planning Committee if the site is within their Ward. In response to concerns raised, these provisions had now been reviewed, resulting in recommendations being put

forward for Cabinet to consider and recommend to Council for approval at its meeting on 16 July 2019.

The Portfolio Holder explained that the recommendations were intended to provide further public and democratic engagement in the planning decision making process and ensure greater powers for elected councillors to refer matters to Planning Committee. She reported that the following two recommendations in the report had been amended following discussion at the O&S Board on 8 July 2019:

Recommendation 2 to be reworded as follows (*amendments in italics*):

The call-in provisions for Planning Applications are extended to include all Councillors, on the same basis as that which applied to Ward Councillors currently, namely that the Councillor should set out why the application is potentially contentious and raises material planning issues *that affect their ward or would affect the wider public interest. This is provided that the issue has been discussed with Ward Councillors or that Ward Councillors have been informed.*

Recommendation 6 to be deleted, in recognition of the current disparity across the BCP area, to be addressed in due course through a comprehensive review of community governance arrangements. In the meantime, parish and town councils and neighbourhood forums would be contacted and advised of the role of ward councillors in representing their local communities in the planning process as set out in the revised recommendations

For clarity it was also agreed at the Cabinet meeting to add the word ‘calendar’ in Recommendation 3 to read ‘...30 calendar days...’

The Chairman of the O&S Board confirmed that the Board, at its meeting on 8 July 2019, had supported the recommendations as outlined in the Cabinet report with the exception of those set out below:

1. Cabinet be recommended that recommendation 2 as outlined in the Cabinet report be approved with the following amendments:
 - (a) That, after the words “material planning issues,” the words “that affect their ward” be added.
 - (b) That at the end of the recommendation the following words be added: “provided that the issue has been discussed with the Ward Councillors or that the Ward Councillors have been informed”.
2. The Overview and Scrutiny Board did not support recommendation 6 as outlined in the Cabinet report.

The Board informally requested that the Portfolio Holder consider widening the scope to have planning issues brought to the Planning Committee through public involvement, through means such as the number of valid representations to planning applications, and that the Portfolio Holder

consider amending the wording of recommendation three to change “date the application was registered” to “date the notice was displayed”.

The Chairman of the O&S Board asked that the wording of Recommendation 2 as amended be reviewed, specifically the use of the word ‘or’, as it was felt that this could be mis-used and the Constitution already provided for applications in the wider public interest to be considered by the Planning Committee.

A number of Councillors present at the meeting spoke in support of the recommendations as amended by the Portfolio Holder. A Councillor suggested removing the provision of councillor applications being referred to the Planning Committee but this was not taken forward.

A number of Cabinet Members commented in support of the recommendations as amended by the Portfolio Holder. It was considered that the recommendations responded promptly to the concerns raised about the call-in procedure and provided further transparency and confidence in the planning process.

The Cabinet did not consider it necessary to change the word ‘or’ in recommendation 2 as there were circumstances when this provision may be appropriate, and councillors were expected to undertake the call in process in a responsible manner.

Clarity was provided on a number of administrative issues, including:

- The ability of councillors to submit their own call-in, in addition to those made by ward or other councillors, and also add their name to an existing call-in by ward or other councillors.
- Applications classed as major or minor included business applications.
- It would be useful to include FAQs on material planning considerations on the planning section of the Council’s website.
- Letters sent to representations should include details of ward councillors.
- The Planning Service had been asked to address the delay between registration and display of site notice.

RECOMMENDED that Full Council approve the following recommendations:

- (a) Householder applications are within the scope of the planning applications that can be subject to Councillor call in to Committee.**
- (b) The call-in provisions for Planning Applications are extended to include all Councillors, on the same basis as that which applied to Ward Councillors currently, namely that the Councillor should set out why the application is potentially contentious and raises material planning issues that affect their ward or would affect the wider public interest. This is provided that the issue has been discussed with Ward Councillors or that Ward Councillors have been informed.**

- (c) The period within which Councillors can request a call in is extended and must be made within 30 calendar days of the date the application was registered.
- (d) A Councillor that has called in an application for consideration by Planning Committee may withdraw their request at any time up until seven days before publication of the Agenda for the meeting of the Planning Committee.
- (e) A Councillor may make a conditional request that an application be called in – on the basis that it be called in to be considered by Committee if the officer is proposing to grant/refuse the application, in accordance with the process set out more fully in paragraph 19 of the report.
- (f) That the Constitution be amended to reflect and implement the above.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Strategic Planning

19. Approval of Youth Justice Plan 2019/20

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

It was noted that there was a statutory requirement to publish an annual Youth Justice Plan which must provide specified information about the local provision of youth justice services. The report summarised the Youth Justice Plan for 2019/20, with a copy of the Plan appended. The Youth Justice Plan was required to be approved by the full Council.

The Portfolio Holder gave an update on key performance indicators. She also highlighted the work of the speech and language therapist, which was non statutory but of great benefit to young people, staff and the courts.

RECOMMENDED that the report, having been endorsed by Cabinet, be approved by Full Council.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Children and Families

20. BCP Children's Outcomes Self – Assessment June 2019

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

In line with best practice expectations, BCP Council had produced a self-assessment of its current performance in delivering Children's Services. This would guide and inform service and practice improvement activity. The report enabled Cabinet to have an early oversight of baseline performance before being considered by Children's Overview and Scrutiny in July.

RESOLVED that Cabinet receives and notes the Self-Assessment of BCP Children's baseline performance in the knowledge that the Children's Overview and Scrutiny received the self-assessment at the June meeting and plans to scrutinise the performance and the improvement plan in the July meeting.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Children and Families

21. Local Government Reorganisation – Update

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

The Cabinet was advised that Phase 1 and 2 of the LGR Programme had been delivered successfully and under budget, for which the Corporate Director of Resources and Director of Finance should be congratulated. Phase 3 of the programme, relating to the scoping of the potential Transformation of the Council supported by a third-party facilitator, was now underway. The Leader referred to the challenges ahead and the importance of moving forward as quickly as possible.

The Cabinet paid tribute to staff across all preceding authorities and in BCP Council for achieving the aim of seamless transition from the public's perspective, and in achieving this on top of their day to day work during a time of uncertainty.

The Leader reported that the Corporate Strategy was being developed and it was anticipated that this would be subject to consultation with councillors over the summer.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Cabinet notes the successful delivery of Phases 1 and 2 of the programme to deliver the LGR process for BCP Council, and**
- (b) Agrees to receive and consider at a subsequent meeting the outcome of the Organisational Design workstream that will shape the transformation programme of BCP Council going forward, and**
- (c) Notes the continuing delegation to BCP Corporate Management Board to utilise the resources allocated for the delivery of Phases 1 and 2 of the LGR Programme.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

22. Community Governance Review Petition – Throop and Holdenhurst

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

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (Part 4) devolved power from the Secretary of State to principal councils to carry out community governance reviews and put in place or make changes to local community governance arrangements. The Portfolio Holder advised that a valid petition had been received in respect of Throop and Holdenhurst. In accordance with the above legislation, the Council had a duty to respond to the petition, by undertaking a community governance review and approving the terms of reference and timetable to commence the review for that area defined in the petition.

The Portfolio Holder reported a proposed amendment to Recommendation 3 of the report, to enable a councillor from Poole People Party to be included in the membership of the Task and Finish Group, therefore increasing the membership from four to five councillors. The Cabinet also agreed to delete the word 'other' from Recommendation 3.

A number of Cabinet Members commented on the importance of this proposal in giving a voice to the community at a local level.

The Leader of the Council reported that it was the intention of the Council to undertake a wider review of community governance arrangements across most if not all of the BCP area, to enable a comprehensive approach to be adopted for the future.

It was clarified that the recommendations before Cabinet at this meeting did not require a Full Council decision.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) a Community Governance Review be conducted, in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and the timetable and terms of reference for the Review, as set out at Appendix 1 to this report, be approved;**
- (b) the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary steps in relation to the Review;**
- (c) a Task and Finish Group, to consider the Review and make recommendations to the Council, be appointed, comprising five councillors (two Conservative, one Liberal Democrat, one Independent, and one Poole People Party), with Muscliff and Strouden Park ward councillors being invited in an advisory capacity.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Tourism, Leisure and Communities

23. School Admissions Arrangements - Co-ordinated Scheme and Relevant Area(s)

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

The Cabinet was advised of the Department for Education advice that the Council is required to determine a single Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for the 2020-21 academic year and a Relevant Area for consultation on admission arrangements for 2021-22, as set out in the report.

RESOLVED that:-

(a) Cabinet adopts:

- (i) the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for the administration of the 2020-21 school admissions application process as set out in para. 10 Appendix 1 as required by Para 3.2 of The School Admissions Code 2014**
- (ii) the continuation of the Relevant Areas for consultation for admission arrangements for the 2020-21 year as determined by the previous authorities as set out in para 7**

(b) Cabinet approves the commencement of statutory consultation on a single Relevant Area for consultation on school admission arrangements for 2021-22 onwards as set out in para 9 in accordance with 1998 School Standards and Framework Act

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Children and Families

24. Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Leader of the Council reported that a schedule of appointments to outside bodies which had not yet been confirmed would be submitted to Full Council on 16 July 2019.

25. Cabinet Forward Plan

The Cabinet noted that the latest version of the Forward Plan was being updated and that an additional meeting of Cabinet would be arranged in September due to the amount of business scheduled.

It was noted that the O&S Board had also recommended two meetings of Cabinet and the O&S Board in September.

The Leader of the Council reported that it may be expedient to arrange the additional meeting in the latter part of September to enable a number of reviews taking place over the summer period to be considered. She recommended that the O&S Board may wish to consider grouping reports on the agenda for its September meetings according to specific Portfolio Holders.

The meeting ended at 12.05 pm

CHAIRMAN