## BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL

## CABINET

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 09 October 2019 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr V Slade – Chairman

## Cllr M Howell – Vice-Chairman

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

Also in Cllr S Bartlett, Cllr N Brooks, Cllr D Butler, Cllr B Dove, Cllr M lynegar, Cllr T O'Neill There were 8 Members of the Public in attendance.

#### 56. <u>Apologies</u>

Apologies were received from Councillor Andy Hadley and Councillor Lesley Dedman.

#### 57. <u>Declarations of Interests</u>

Councillor M Phipps declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Minute No. 71 (Community Governance Review for Throop and Holdenhurst – Draft Recommendations for Consultation) as Chairman of Hurn Parish Council and refrained from voting on the item.

Councillor Dr F Rice declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Minute 67 (Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) including Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)) and remained present for the discussion and voting thereon.

#### 58. <u>Confirmation of Minutes</u>

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 30 September 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

#### 59. Public Issues

The Leader reported that two public questions had been submitted, and one statement.

#### Public Question from Alan Daniels, local resident:

BCP Council's Climate Emergency statement pledges 'to make BCP Council and its operations carbon neutral by 2030, and work with the wider community to look at how early the BCP region can be made carbon neutral ahead of the UK target of 2050'.

Notwithstanding encouragement for individuals to use alternative means of transport, surely it is time for the council to admit that the hospital reconfiguration plans, bringing as they will, over 200,000 additional car journeys across the area, do not sit alongside such necessary and ambitious environmental targets. Is the council willing to prioritise the welfare of BCP residents and the climate emergency over the CCG plans, as it is apparent that both are not compatible?

# Response by Councillor Dr Felicity Rice (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change)

The Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration commits us to 'Work with partners, businesses and the wider community to investigate, make recommendations and set a target date for how early the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole region can be made carbon neutral, ahead of the UK target of 2050.' To help achieve this joint working, the report asks Cabinet to consider the setting up of a Leadership Board, consisting of major stakeholder organisations that will have a significant role in reducing the area's carbon emissions. If this is agreed, we would invite health partners, including hospitals, to take up membership on this Board so that they can work with the Council and other partners towards achieving a carbon neutral region before 2050. This will allow full discussion of transport options and other matters for everyone in the whole region. Regarding the hospital transport it is the CCG that is responsible for the hospital reconfigurations and not BCP Council, however we have recently met with the Chief Executive and the Chief Operating Officers from the hospital to specifically discuss their travel plan for staff.

## Public Question from Susan Chapman, local resident:

I am questioning the word "None" in number 30, "Summary of Equality Implications" of the BCP Public Report "Response to Climate Change Emergency".

30 years of global climate inaction will impose huge so-far hidden and disproportionate costs on both poorer members of society as well as subsequent generations. How will this societal and inter-generational inequity be addressed please?

# Response by Councillor Dr Felicity Rice (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change)

This report cannot directly address inequalities suffered by global communities across the preceding decades. The 'none' in question refers to the potential negative impacts from report recommendations, identified for the protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010. If the report is approved then the actions that are taken as a consequence of the groups that are set up will indeed have a very significant impact.

## Statement from Joan Richards

Climate Change is the defining issue of our age and life on Earth is facing unparalleled challenges on a variety of fronts which are not being shared with the public. Please spell out to the people of our BCP conurbation how best we can protect ourselves and our community from increasingly difficult harvests, water and resource shortages and find a humanitarian response to the climate migration crisis.

# Statement read out by the Chief Executive on behalf of Harriet Stewart-Jones, local resident:

It's ironic that the phrase that comes to mind on reading the Council's

response to the Climate Emergency is "glacial pace". This report - which has taken three months to produce - has no hint of emergency. This is not the time for business as usual. We had a Carbon Reduction Officer in Poole for 8 years. The low-hanging fruit (solar panels on the Civic Centre car park and PHP housing) has been done. We now need to step up a gear or two with urgency. Please!

#### 60. <u>Response to Climate Change Emergency</u>

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change 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 support the proposed arrangements to facilitate the development of a Climate Emergency action plan to be considered by Council in December 2019.

A Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board reported that the Board at its recent meeting recommended that an additional recommendation be included under (a) iv that the Council produce an annual Green Credentials Report, which may be considered by Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny to monitor the Council's performance against targets in this respect.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet supports the course of action set out in this report, namely:-

- (a) Formation of a governance structure, and servicing to cost £20k, to include:
  - i) Cabinet to establish a cross-party working group, to provide oversight and guidance on the development and implementation of an action plan. To be chaired by the Portfolio-Holder and report back to Cabinet;
  - ii) Zero Carbon Council Steering Group of officers to guide work on the Council's own 2030 target;
  - iii) Zero Carbon Place Leadership Board of stakeholders to guide work on the pre-2050 target;
  - iv) that the Council produce an annual Green Credentials Report, which may be considered by Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny to monitor the Council's performance against targets in this respect; and
- (b) Launch of behavioural change programme for BCP Council Members and staff, including Zero Carbon Support Officer, at a cost of £53k

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Environment and Climate Change

#### 61. <u>Discretionary Licensing</u>

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 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book. Cabinet approval was sought to launch a public consultation on the potential introduction of two Discretionary Licensing Schemes within the BCP area. The proposals include both Selective and Additional Licensing designations.

A Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board reported that the Board had requested that prior to the consultation period associated with Discretionary Licensing further information on the success of targeted enforcement be considered by Cabinet to determine whether Discretionary Licensing as necessary.

A Councillor present at the meeting expressed the view that consultation was premature, and that the consultation carried out in 2017 came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be carried forward. In relation to this Cabinet were advised that the Government at that time had introduced new legislation and were trying to address some of the issues particularly with regards to HMOs and that as such, a licensing scheme is now required for a lot more HMOS.

The Councillor felt that that process has not yet been completed, and that consultation now on Discretionary Licensing would mean that the consultation would be taking place before the HMO licences have been licensed properly, and that it wasn't yet properly known what the effect of that new legislation was, and that this should be given a chance to operate first.

Cabinet Members spoke in support of the item, highlighting the positive impact that this would have particularly in respect of vulnerable people.

## **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) The Cabinet approves the commencement of a public consultation of 12 weeks with residents, private sector landlords, businesses and other stakeholders on the potential to designate two Discretionary Licensing schemes;
  - i) an Additional Licensing scheme across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole
  - ii) a Selective Licensing scheme across the proposed designated area
- (b) The Cabinet delegates authority to the Portfolio Holder for Housing to approve on the consultation documents prior to publication.
- (C) The Cabinet receives a further report detailing the outcome of the public consultation and recommendations regarding the potential implementation of Discretionary Licensing.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Housing

## 62. <u>Revised policy and practice for unauthorised encampments</u>

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change 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 a variance in the policy and practice for unauthorised encampments in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, and were requested to consider a way forward in order to develop a revised policy.

In presenting the report the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change advised that the cross-party member working group referred to in paragraph 27 of the report would comprise of 7 councillors.

A Member of Overview and Scrutiny advised that the Board at its recent meeting recommended that Cabinet establish a cross-party member working group as outlined in para 27, to;

- 1. expediate actions as a matter of urgency in anticipation of incursions for summer 2020; and
- 2. consider the alignment of policies and procedures across the council area and report back to Cabinet

Cabinet discussed the impact that incursions have across the BCP Council area and the impact it has on residents.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet establish a cross-party member working group, as outlined in para 27 to;

- (a) expediate actions as a matter of urgency in anticipation of incursions for summer 2020; and
- (b) consider the alignment of policies and procedures across the Council area and report back to Cabinet.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Environment and Climate Change

#### 63. <u>Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy</u>

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 was sought of the BCP Council Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy in order to enable consistent regulation of housing conditions in the private rented sector to be applied across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

In presenting the report the Portfolio Holder for Housing highlighted the need for there to be a consistent approach across the BCP Council area, and advised that this would be reviewed in two years time.

A Councillor present at the meeting expressed the view that the report ought to be renamed Housing Enforcement Policy as the background implied that it was an all-encompassing report rather than just the private sector, and that the policy should include all housing. In addition the view was expressed that the vast majority of tenants were happy.

Cabinet discussed the report highlighting the need to harmonise policies, and agreed that section 1 of the report should make reference to say that

the majority of tenants are content, and that the majority of our landlords look after tenants. In addition Members felt that the service should be proactively promoted and tenants signposted to the service.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing advised that the report dealt with Private Sector Housing as there were other measures in place to monitor BCP Housing.

### **RESOLVED** that Cabinet approve the adoption of the BCP Council Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy for immediate implementation.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Housing

### 64. <u>BCP Housing Strategy – approval to consult</u>

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 'E' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were informed of the proposed approach and timetable to develop a new BCP Council Housing Strategy which would detail the current and anticipated future housing issues and set out the strategic priorities and action plan to address local issues.

A Councillor present at the meeting confirmed their support for the item, and stressed the importance of dealing with what could be termed a housing emergency. In addition Cabinet were requested to consider reducing the timescale to progress this sooner.

Cabinet Members highlighted the impact on Officers who were currently rewriting every policy and strategy of the Council and stressed that it was important to be realistic with the timescales.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing highlighted the importance of having a thorough and well thought out strategy but appreciated the comments with regards to wanting to solve the housing crisis as soon as possible.

Members were advised that current policies would apply until the new single policy was adopted.

**RESOLVED** that the BCP Council Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy be adopted for immediate implementation.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Housing

#### 65. Housing Delivery Test Action Plan

The Portfolio Holders for Strategic Planning and Housing 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 requested to consider agreeing the publication of the BCP Council Housing Delivery Test (HDT) Action Plan which is required by national policy. In relation to this Cabinet were advised that locally across the BCP Council area, the need for additional homes is recognised in the legacy Housing Strategies and adopted Local Plans.

Further to this Cabinet were advised that an HDT Action Plan was required where delivery falls below 95% of local housing requirements, and that the 2018 HDT results (published in February 2019) were assessed against housing requirements for the preceding Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils where each area fell below the 95% benchmark.

Cabinet were advised that the Action Plan must set out measures the Council will take to increase delivery back to required rates.

In presenting the report the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning advised that on page 181 paragraph 4.12 the reference to Christchurch Town Council in relation to Roeshot Hill Allotments should be amended to read Highcliff and Walkford Parish Council, and that the housing on page 165 paragraph 2.4 the housing figure of 722 should be amended to read 730.

A Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board advised Cabinet that at their recent meeting the Board had supported the item, but had discussed the action plan, and whether there were enough short sharp actions which could be achieved by using what we know.

A Councillor present at the meeting congratulated the author of the report for writing a first class report.

# RESOLVED that the work undertaken to date be endorsed and the Action Plan at Appendix 1 of the report be published.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holders: Strategic Planning Housing

#### 66. <u>BCP Council Strategic Car Parking Review</u>

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing presented a report on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure, 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 asked to consider approval for a Strategic Parking Review to be undertaken in order to form a new single strategy for the provision (availability), operation, pricing and enforcement for parking across the highway network and car parks.

A Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board advised Cabinet that at their recent meeting the Board requested that consideration be given to that the Steering group include a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board. In relation to this Cabinet were advised that this would help provide constructive and regular challenge throughout the process.

A Councillor present at the meeting requested that electric charging points be included in the study.

Members were advised that the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change would be included in the Steering group membership which should ensure that climate change was included within any discussion.

### **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) a Strategic Car Parking Review for BCP Council is undertaken; and
- (b) a steering group chaired by the Service Director for Growth and Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet members for Transport & Infrastructure and Strategic Planning be established to oversee the undertaking of the review.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transport and Infrastructure

## 67. <u>Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) including Local Cycling & Walking</u> Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Programme

The Leader of the Council presented a report on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure, 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.

Cabinet were informed of the progress to date regarding the Department for Transport (DfT) based Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) process and of the required development of the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

In addition Cabinet were advised of the proposed next steps regarding both the TCF and LCWIP process.

A Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board advised Cabinet that at their recent meeting the Board resolved that Cabinet be asked to reconsider the 'low ask' alternatives to ensure that the final ask genuinely contains the projects which will lead to the most effective modal shift for the conurbation.

In relation to this the Leader advised that this would be delegated to the PH and SD to look at req already gone to Directors. The Leader further advised that as well as lobbying local MPs a meeting had been held with the Health Secretary seeking his support for the bid.

## **RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

- (a) notes the progress to date regarding the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) process and Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure (LCWIP);
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Growth and Infrastructure and Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure to submit a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) to the Department for Transport (DfT);
- (c) approves the development of the programme contained within the SOBC submission to Full Business Case(s) detail utilising LTP

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transport and Infrastructure

Councillor Dr F Rice declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and remained present for the discussion and voting thereon.

### 68. <u>Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) and Public Rights of Way (PRoW) cover</u> report

The Leader of the Council on behalf of 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 'l' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report sought Cabinet approval to advertise a number of proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and requested consideration be given to a number of Rights of Way issues.

The Leader clarified that in respect of the removal of the disabled parking bays set out within the report, that these were bays which were situated outside of particular properties and which were no longer required, this could be for reasons including that the person may have moved or may no longer be a blue badge holder.

### **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in Danecourt Road as set out in TRO sub-report A be confirmed;
- (b) the order to revoke the disabled bay in Salterns Road as set out in TRO sub-report B be confirmed;
- (c) the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in Lake Avenue as set out in TRO sub-report C be confirmed;
- (d) the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in Lower Blandford Road as set out in TRO sub-report D be confirmed;
- (e) the creation of an order to record the section of Parkstone Heights that is currently unprotected path as a Bridleway as set out in PRoW sub-report E be approved;
- (f) the creation of an order to protect the path extending along Elgin Road as Public Bridleway as set out in PRoW sub-report F be approved; and
- (g) the creation of an order to protect the path from Cornelia Gardens to Kingsmill Road as a Public Bridleway as set out in PRoW sub-report G be approved.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transport and Infrastructure

#### 69. <u>Poole Bay Beach Management Scheme</u>

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change 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 the submission of the Outline Business Case to the Environment Agency for funding the coast protection works identified under Phase 2 & 3 combined between 2020/21 and 2030/31 as a continuation of the project.

In relation to this Cabinet were advised that as BCP Council are a Local Authority Risk Management Authority, that there is no requirement for a subsequent Full Business Case for Phase 2 & 3 combined to be submitted due to the value of the Outline Business Case.

### **RECOMMENDED** that:-

- (a) The Council, as the Coast Protection Authority, submits to the Environment Agency the Outline Business Case for funding approval for the coast protection works identified under Phase 2&3 combined between 2020/21 and 2030/31; and
- (b) Provided the application for Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) is successful, £3.3m between 2020/21 and 2026/27 be funded in conjunction with the EA's forward capital programme from Council Resources.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Environment and Climate Change

Cabinet adjourned at 12.05pm reconvening at 12.20pm

#### 70. <u>BCP Council Street Works Permit Scheme</u>

The (LEADER) 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 advised that the Department for Transport require that all Local Authorities introduce a Street Works Permit Scheme before April 2020, and that the approved conditions for such a scheme require consultation with statutory consultees. In respect of this Cabinet were requested to consider approval to consult all statutory consultees on proposed Permit Conditions for a new BCP Council Street Works Permit Scheme.

# **RESOLVED** that consultation with all statutory consultees on a proposed BCP Street Works Permit Scheme be approved.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transport and Infrastructure

### 71. <u>Community Governance Review for Throop and Holdenhurst - Draft</u> <u>Recommendations for Consultation</u>

The Chairman of the Community Governance Review Task and Finish Group 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 informed that 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. In relation to this Cabinet were reminded that the Council had commenced a review following the receipt of a valid community governance petition and the approval of the terms of reference and timetable, and that further to this Cabinet were now being asked to consider the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and to make recommendations to Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Leisure and Communities advised Cabinet of the process going forwards, and welcomed the engagement of the community,

**RECOMMENDED** that the Task and Finish Group Community Governance Review draft recommendations, as set out in the schedule within the report be approved for publication and consultation with local residents and other interested parties.

Voting: For: 7 Against:0 Abstentions 1.

Portfolio Holder: Tourism, Leisure and Communities

Councillor M Phipps declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as Chairman of Hurn Parish Council and abstained from voting.

#### 72. Medium Term Financial Plan Update Report

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 'M' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were informed of the work which had been carried out to refresh the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) following the Government's 2019 spending round and the fundamental annual refresh undertaken at the end of August 2019.

Further to this Cabinet were advised of the progress which had been made towards delivering a balanced budget for 2020/21 with the key financial risks faced by the Council being highlighted.

Cabinet were further informed of the progress in respect of the disaggregation of the 31 March 2019 Balance Sheet of the former Dorset County Council and provided with details of the grants made available by Government to support the potential costs falling to the Council following the decision of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union.

In presenting the report the Portfolio Holder for Finance highlighted the reduction of the funding gap from £15m to £7.7m, and the pressure on the budget over the forthcoming years. In addition Cabinet were informed of a typo within figure 1 on page 314 where the cumulative pressures column for 20/21 should read 23.2 and not 22.2.

A member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on behalf of the Board expressed their thanks to the Portfolio Holder and the s151 officer.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet note:-

- (a) That the gross MTFP funding gap over the three-year period to March 2023 has been revised to £23.9m;
- (b) That proposals have been formulated which close the funding gap for 2020/21 to £7.7m (from £15m); and
- (c) The need for Members and Officers of the Council to bring forward and examine robust and realistic budget proposals through the autumn which will ensure that the proper and lawful duties of the Council can be satisfied and a balanced budget for 2020/21 can be set.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

### 73. Equality and Diversity Policy

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 'N' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were informed of the requirement for BCP Council to meet certain responsibilities set out in the Public Sector Equality Duty of the Equality Act, and in relation to this were requested to consider the draft Corporate Equality & Diversity Policy & Governance for approval, and to note the progress towards the development of a Corporate Equality Action Plan.

In presenting the report the Leader advised of an agreed amendment in respect of p.335 Section 2 where it had been agreed to remove the whole section from 'Regardless of their...'. In addition Cabinet were advised that it was proposed that in relation to the Strategic Leadership Officer Group that some of the officers had been proposed to be removed as standing officers and would be invited to attend when necessary, and that the group was intended to include the Opposition Lead Member for Equalities.

In addition Cabinet expressed the view that the Council should not limit itself to the nine protected characteristics, and that other characteristics should be considered when appropriate.

## **RESOLVED** that:-

- (i) the draft Corporate Equality & Diversity Policy & Governance Framework be approved; and
- (ii) the progress towards the development of a Corporate Equality Action Plan be noted.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

## 74. <u>BCP Council's Corporate Strategy</u>

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 'O' to

these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider the draft Corporate Strategy which set out the longer-term priorities, high level objectives and the Council's commitments to equality and diversity.

In presenting the report the Leader of the Council advised of the consultation which had taken place over the summer.

A Councillor present at the meeting expressed support for the report and urged that the Strategy be so clear that its self-explanatory.

Cabinet discussed the sustainable environment and concern was expressed that the strategy did not reference bio-diversity, in relation to this it was suggested that this could be included within the sustainable environment, and that the wording could be amended to read 'tackle the climate and ecological emergency'. In relation to this it was suggested that any further wording amendments be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader.

**RESOLVED** that the summary of feedback from stakeholders be noted.

RECOMMENDED that the revised Corporate Strategy be adopted by Council and that any final wording amendments be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader before being submitted to the Council.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

#### 75. Cabinet Forward Plan

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

Further to this the Leader advised that the next meeting of the Cabinet would take place on the 13 November, as originally scheduled and that the Deputy Leader would be Chairing the meeting.

In closing the meeting a question was raised by a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board in attendance seeking clarification as to how the Overview and Scrutiny Board can highlight to Cabinet any other matters discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Board which weren't included within the Cabinet Agenda. In relation to this the Leader advised that a guidance note would be prepared and circulated to Members on the process to provide clarification.

The meeting adjourned at 12.05pm and reconvened at 12.20pm

The meeting ended at 1.10 pm

<u>CHAIRMAN</u>