

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
CABINET

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 May 2022 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr D Mellor – Chairman

Cllr P Broadhead – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr B Dove, Cllr B Dunlop, Cllr M Greene, Cllr N Greene,
Cllr M Iyengar and Cllr M White

Also in attendance: Cllr G Farquhar

Present virtually: Cllr K Rampton (Councillor Rampton attended virtually and was therefore unable to participate in the voting on the items listed below)
Lead Members: Cllr H Allen, Cllr N Brooks, Cllr L Fear and Cllr J Kelly

Also in attendance virtually: Cllr A Hadley and Cllr L Williams

1. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 13 April 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. Public Issues

The Leader advised that there had been no questions, statements of petitions received from members of the public on this occasion.

4. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

The Chairman of the Corporate and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee addressed the Cabinet advising that at their recent meeting there had been a thorough debate on the Fly-Tipping and Fly-Posting Enforcement Pilot Review report.

Cabinet was advised that whilst there were no formal recommendations and the committee had supported the report several matters had been raised and responded to by the Portfolio Holder and officers, and that in relation to this the committee had questioned whether a further six months would be sufficient.

5. Joint Archive Service - Revised Inter-Authority Agreement

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Vibrant Places 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 was advised that the Joint Archives Service (JAS) based at Dorset History Centre (DHC) in Dorchester is funded pro rata to population by Dorset Council and BCP Council.

In relation to this Cabinet was informed that the JAS has been governed since 1997 by a tripartite Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA) signed that year between Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and Borough of Poole, the three first tier councils then operating in Dorset, to allow continuity, the 1997 agreement was maintained through local government reorganisation in 2019.

Further to this Cabinet was advised that following a consultant-led review of the JAS which reported in February 2021 which gathered opinions from officers and councillors, it was agreed at a meeting of the Joint Archives Advisory Board in April 2021 that the governance of the JAS required updating, this was in order to reflect both the new unitary council arrangements and the modern context in which the service operates.

Cabinet was informed that the agreement in Appendix 1 of the report is the outcome of that process.

Cabinet approval was therefore sought for the adoption of the revised Inter-Authority Agreement with Dorset Council.

RESOLVED that the revised Inter-Authority Agreement with Dorset Council over the provision of the Joint Archives Service be adopted.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Culture and Vibrant Places

6. Fly-tipping and Fly-Posting Enforcement Pilot Review

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Regulatory Services 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 was reminded that on 26 May 2021 Cabinet considered the report Fly-tipping and Flyposting Enforcement Pilot and resolved that:

- (a) Cabinet approves the commencement of a 12-month pilot scheme to deploy a suitable qualified contractor to undertake investigations and prosecutions of fly-tipping and fly-posting incidents;
- (b) Cabinet agrees to receive a further report following 6 months of this pilot, which will include recommendations for the future of this service; and
- (c) Cabinet approves the levels of fines for relevant offences as per paragraph 10.

In relation to this Cabinet was informed that this report provided a review of the first 6 months of the pilot which, from September 2021 has been

delivered by Waste Investigations Support and Enforcement Ltd (WISE), together with recommendations for the future of the service.

Further to this Cabinet was advised that WISE have been contracted on a cost-neutral basis to investigate and enforce against offenders of fly-tipping and fly-posting and ensure businesses meet legal requirements to manage waste lawfully and responsibly.

Councillor Hadley addressed the Cabinet highlighting that the report was interesting and seeking clarification in terms of the longer-term plan and what the plan was beyond the six-month extension, whether we would then be looking for a further extension or to tender it out or bring it inhouse?

The Portfolio Holder advised that the six-month extension provided the opportunity to continue learning, particularly from other local authorities and to ensure any gaps can be filled and that the scheme fits with what we are trying to do.

In addition, Cabinet praised the work of officers and expressed thanks in recognition of the work which had been involved.

RESOLVED that: -

- (a) Cabinet approves an extension to the fly-tipping and fly-posting pilot with WISE until November 2022, with additional emphasis on:**
 - i. effective and increased communications with public and businesses;**
 - ii. enhanced joint working with the Council's Waste Compliance Officers;**
 - iii. consideration of learning from best practice in other Councils**
- (b) A further Cabinet report be brought in November 2022 with recommendations for the service long-term.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holders: Community Safety and Regulatory Services
Council Priorities and Delivery
Environment and Place

7. Harbourside Park - Strategic infrastructure improvements to the sluice channel linking Poole Park and Poole Harbour.

The Leader 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 was advised that the report sought the allocation of CIL funding to replace the sluice channel at Harbourside Park and upgrade the sluice gate in Poole Park, which due to poor and further declining asset condition, public access is now restricted to the shared path and vehicular access is prohibited, negatively impacting BCP operations.

In relation to this Cabinet was informed that as time goes on the likelihood of catastrophic failure increases, posing a risk to users, lagoon operations

and water levels, and dividing up the greenspace.

Cabinet was advised that an options study has been undertaken, and that two options with similar estimated construction costs for both options have been identified which subject to securing funding need to be narrowed to one preferred option in the detailed design stage for tendering and construction.

Further to this Cabinet was advised that working closely with Landscape Architects the project will consider the benefits of a carefully designed open channel that would provide a focal point of interest, against the merits of an enclosed channel, and that this will consider public access, impact on the landscape, maintenance requirements and overall cost to deliver.

Cabinet was informed that this strategic infrastructure improvement extends the work of the heritage funded Poole Park life project, including a new bridge over the sluice channel North of the railway line, and will develop in parallel with the forthcoming Harbourside Masterplan and is considered within the current segregated cycleway improvement works.

Cabinet was further informed that this work would also link wider to the Poole Quay public realm improvements to rejuvenate Poole, and that these works are one of a series of strategic improvements significantly enhancing the quality of place in Poole.

Cabinet was advised that the report asks that Cabinet recommend to Council allocating CIL funds to complete detailed design and construction to ensure the tight project delivery programme can be achieved, for two key reasons – to reduce the impact on the active travel fund works in 2023 and to carry out the work as soon as practicable to reduce the risk of failure of the sluice channel, and that the completed project will maintain a key asset for amenity and habitat in Poole Park and improve BCP operations.

Councillor Hadley addressed the Cabinet advising that he welcomed the investment but highlighting the issues regards to the flooding at Keyhole bridge. Councillor Hadley acknowledged that this was an issue for Wessex Water but stressed the importance of the matter.

The Portfolio Holder for Sustainability and Transport acknowledged Councillor Hadleys concerns but stressed that the flooding was rainwater related and a matter for Wessex Water.

The FCERM Capital Projects Manager addressed the Cabinet advising that a meeting had been held with Wessex water on this issue, but that by separating the issues this part of the project with the much-needed improvements to the sluice channel can be progressed.

RECOMMENDED that Council approves the use of £1.239 million of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to Environment to detail design, obtain consents, and construct the sluice channel replacement and sluice gate upgrade and other associated activities as required to deliver the project to completion.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Environment and Place

8. Our Museum: Poole Museum Estate Redevelopment Programme

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Vibrant Places 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 was advised that the Poole Museum is undertaking a £7.7m redevelopment programme delivering capital improvements at the three historic buildings of the Museum Estate: Grade II listed Oakley's Mill, and the Grade I listed medieval buildings the Wool Hall and Scaplen's Court, as well as a programme of creative, cultural activity that will build and broaden audiences for the Museum.

In relation to this Cabinet was advised that Poole Museum has successfully secured £4.4m third-party funds from three major public funds: an NLHF project grant, a Historic England High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) grant, and the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (Salix), and that additionally, third-party funding has been secured from a range of national and local trusts and foundations (including Garfield Weston and the Fine Family Foundation).

Cabinet was informed that BCP's contribution to date is £2.15m including: existing borrowing of £1.023m Prudential Borrowing (approved June 2021); the balance of £1.120m approved third-party partnership fundraising underwritten by borrowing of £645,000 (£475,000 already secured); and a £455,000 contribution has been made to date from CIL/S106.

Further to this Cabinet was informed that costs have increased across the scheme as a result of a number of factors, but these include scope increase and national pressures on construction projects as a result of Covid and Brexit, and that this has resulted in a funding gap of £1.4m and accordingly, approval is now sought for acceptance of a grant from Historic England, additional Prudential Borrowing, and a further contribution from CIL.

The Portfolio Holder in presenting the report advised of an amendment on page 83, paragraph 29 of the report in relation to the visitor numbers where it says they have increased, the Portfolio Holder advised that this was an expectation and should read 'will increase'.

Councillor Hadley addressed the Cabinet stressing that he hoped events would still be available to all and highlighting that he would hate to see the museum move to a position whereby events were ticketed and chargeable and not open to everyone.

RECOMMENDED that Council approves an increase in the capital budget of up to £1.41m for the Poole Museum Programme which is to be funded by: -

(a) Grant income of £0.23m from Historic England

(b) CIL funding of £0.5m

(c) Prudential Borrowing of £0.69m

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Culture and Vibrant Places

9. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

Cabinet was advised that there had been one urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution to report on this occasion, this being: -

- Acceptance of the Domestic Abuse grant for 2022-2023

Cabinet was advised that the decision had been published on the Council's website.

10. Cabinet Forward Plan

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

The meeting ended at 10.45 am

CHAIRMAN