

CABINET

Date and Time: Thursday, 3 August 2017 at 7pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Ambler, Cockarill, Collett, Neighbour, Oliver, Radley (James)

In attendance: Councillors Axam, Forster, Wheale

Officers:

Patricia Hughes Joint Chief Executive
Andrew Vallance Head of Corporate Services

25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 6 July 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Bailey and Kinnell.

27 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 11 had been withdrawn and would be resubmitted.

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Oliver declared an interest in Small Business Saturday, due to his participation in the Fleet BID. It was noted that it was not a pecuniary interest.

29 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

None.

30 LEISURE CENTRE WORKING GROUP

Members asked for clarification on the following terms on the minutes

- Ultra Ballroom – it is a public event around dancing raising funds for charity
- GEX refers to exercise classes the specific issues being around pilates
- A question was raised regarding the delegated authority on the swimming Open Gala decisions – it was confirmed that it will be made by the Portfolio Holder

- It was confirmed that the agreement between HDC and HCC has been signed.

The minutes of the meeting of 27 June 2017 were noted, however it was requested that minutes do not include acronyms.

31 HART HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The minutes of the meeting of 13 July were noted.

32 2016/17 OUTTURN POSITION

Members received details of the final position on the Council's accounts for 2016/17. Overview & Scrutiny Committee had considered this report at their meeting on 18 July but made no specific recommendations to Cabinet.

Members sought clarification on;

- a. in light of the underspend in 2016/17 whether the budget forecast requirement for a reduction of £500,000 had now been dealt with.
 - Members were advised that whilst the underspend is good news, it was noted that the budget forecast for 2017/18 which will be reported at Cabinet next month suggests an overspend.
- b. Whilst recognising that it is common practice, Members queried the contribution from a large developer. Members asked for a briefing note to be provided to explaining the criteria and broad principles upon which such payments can be made.
- c. Members were advised that we would get a similar payment for the General Election this year (reflecting the payment for the referendum last year).
- d. Members asked whether the revenue projections for car parking in 2017/18 reflect the outturn from last year. It was confirmed that it was based on the original projections, which provide for lower income.

DECISION

- 1 That the 2016/17 outturn position for the General Fund Revenue account be agreed.
- 2 That the 2016/17 outturn position for Capital expenditure be agreed.
- 3 That the carry forward of the unspent revenue budgets be agreed.

33 TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2016/17

The Council's Treasury Management activities during the 2016/17 financial year were considered.

DECISION

That the Treasury Management activities during the financial year ended 31 March 2017 be noted.

34 SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY – 2 DECEMBER 2017

Cabinet's agreement was sought to support Small Business Saturday on 2 December 2017, by agreeing to waive charges for car parks owned by the District Council on that day.

Members queried the provision of quantitative evaluation of the benefit and whether it was achieving the aims of Small Business Saturday. They discussed the opportunities to do this through a variety of different approaches such as:

- Considering if the Fleet element of the costs may be better provided to Fleet BID for their use at the time most appropriate to the businesses in Fleet.
- Whether the scheme could offer only free parking for 2 to 3 hours, and gain data on car park usage, through requesting members of the public to take a free ticket.

It was noted that evaluation could be challenging due to:

- Fleet BID running an event on Small Business Saturday, which may impact any evaluation which takes place in Fleet
- The difference in shopping behaviours in the first week of December.

Members agreed to seek feedback from the respective organisations, across the district, post the Small Business Saturday on its effectiveness.

DECISION

That Cabinet agree to waive car parking charges in all District Council car parks on Saturday, 2 December 2017, between the hours of 8am and midnight.

35 RELEASE OF SECTION 106 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS: YATELEY TOWN COUNCIL - YATELEY GREEN POND

This item was withdrawn at the request of Yateley Town Council.

36 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Work Programme was considered and amended.

The meeting closed at 7.47pm