

## CABINET

5.00 P.M.

17TH AUGUST 2020

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Erica Lewis (Chair), Kevin Frea (Vice-Chair), Dave Brookes, Tim Hamilton-Cox, Janice Hanson, Caroline Jackson, Jean Parr, Alistair Sinclair and Anne Whitehead

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor John Reynolds

Officers in attendance:

Kieran Keane	Chief Executive
Daniel Bates	Director of Corporate Services
Mark Davies	Director for Communities and the Environment
Jason Syers	Director for Economic Growth and Regeneration
Paul Thompson	Chief Financial Officer (Head of Finance & Section 151 Officer)
Luke Gorst	Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
Debbie Chambers	Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Liz Bateson	Principal Democratic Support Officer, Democratic Services

### 30 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 July 2020 were approved as a correct record.

### 31 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE LEADER

The Chair advised that there were no items of urgent business.

### 32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made at this point.

### 33 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members were advised that there had been no requests to speak at the meeting in accordance with Cabinet's agreed procedure.

At this point the Chair requested that standing order 17 (Cabinet Procedure Rule 17) be

suspended to allow for questions to be taken from all members as the reports were introduced. The proposal was moved by Councillor Sinclair, seconded by Councillor Brookes and there was no dissent to the proposal.

***Resolved unanimously:***

- (1) That Standing Order 17 (Cabinet Procedure Rule 17) be suspended.

**34 COVID-19 PANDEMIC- POLICY FOR DECISION MAKING AND SPENDING DELEGATIONS WITHIN THE BUDGET AND POLICE FRAMEWORK - AWARD OF CONTRACT- ELECTRIC REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES**

**(Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility Councillor Lewis)**

Cabinet received a report from the Director for Communities and Environment which sought authorisation to complete an award of contract in accord with the 'Covid-19 Pandemic- Policy for decision making and spending delegations within the Budget and Police Framework.'

The options, options analysis, including risk assessment and officer preferred option, were set out in the report as follows:

The options are to either authorise completion of the award of contract or not.

Not authorising this will still mean that replacement vehicles need to be procured in order to ensure continuity of service delivery. The vehicles procured would be diesel powered. Delay in procurement would incur some costs in the repairs and maintenance of vehicles being operated beyond their expected lifespan. It would also conflict with the Council's climate change aspirations.

The officer preferred option is to authorise officers to award the contract.

Councillor Lewis proposed, seconded by Councillor Brookes:-

"That the recommendation, as set out in the report, be approved."

Councillors then voted:-

*It was noted that Councillor Parr was experiencing technical issues and was unable to vote in the live teams meeting.*

***Resolved:***

- (1) That officers be authorised to complete the award of contract for two electric refuse collection vehicles.

**Officer responsible for effecting the decision:**

Chief Executive

**Reasons for making the Decision:**

The decision is consistent with the Council's target to become carbon neutral by 2030. The Council's refuse collection vehicles produce approximately 25% of its direct CO2 emissions. Switching the vehicle fleet from diesel to electric power is an agreed part of the Council's climate change plans. The principle of purchasing two electric refuse collection vehicles was considered extensively during the formulation of the Council's 20/21 budget and funding for their purchase was approved by Full Council on 26 February 2020. The 'Covid-19 Pandemic- Policy for decision making and spending delegations within the Budget and Police Framework' require items of spend over £150K to be authorised by Cabinet (with some defined exceptions.)

**35 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was moved by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Frea:-

"That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act."

There was no dissent to the proposition.

***Resolved unanimously:***

- (1) That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

***The 'Live' Teams meeting concluded at this point and Cabinet reconvened in a private Teams meeting.***

**36 CALL-IN CABINET DECISION - PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY - INVESTMENT PROPOSAL (PHASE 3 BUSINESS CASE) - EXEMPT MINUTE 27 (Pages 5 - 6)**

A referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was considered following the Overview and Scrutiny call-in meeting held on 5 August 2020 in relation to the Property Investment Strategy – Investment Proposal Phase 3 Business Case. The report was exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Further details are set out in exempt minute 36.

***Resolved unanimously:***

- (1) That Cabinet does not accept the recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Resolved:**

***(7 Members (Councillors Brookes, Frea, Hanson, Lewis, Parr, Sinclair & Whitehead) voted in favour, 2 Members (Councillors Hamilton-Cox & Caroline Jackson) voted against.)***

- (2) That Cabinet re-affirms its previous decision of 14 July 2020 as set out in Exempt Minute 27.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 5.40 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes, please contact  
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**MINUTES PUBLISHED ON TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2020.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DECISION CONTAINED IN MINUTE 34:  
WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2020. MINUTE 36 MAY BE IMPLEMENTED WITH IMMEDIATE  
EFFECT.**

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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