

**Leader's Report  
18 December 2019**

**Report of the Leader of the Council**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To present the Leader's report to Council.

This report is public.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**To receive the report of the Leader of Council.**

**REPORT**

**1.0 Cabinet**

Information on Cabinet matters is provided in the minutes from the Cabinet meeting held on 5 November 2019. The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 3 December 2019 were not available at the time of publication of the agenda and will be tabled at the January Council meeting.

**2.0 Decisions required to be taken urgently**

There are no decisions to report since the last Leader's Report on 13 November 2019.

**3.0 Leader's Comments**

**Election 2019**

I want to thank all the council staff who have played a role in delivering the 2019 General Election. Any general election is a stretch, a snap general in the run up to Christmas is a particular challenge. Thanks go to our democratic services team and every staff member who joined them for valiantly meeting tight deadlines and managing the marathon that is polling day.

The pre-election period meant that a good number of council meetings and consultations had to be delayed and so there is quite a flurry of activities planned starting the week of the 16th, from the resumption of advisory groups to planning consultations.

## **Eden**

Work has quietly continued on Eden Project during the election period. We have asked the Eden team to come and brief all councillors on the results of their consultations and hope that will happen in the New Year.

## **Budget**

As the key decisions note below and today's council agenda indicates, work continues on the budget. I would encourage any councillor with budget proposals to work with officers to ensure they are as robustly costed as possible, and I would encourage you to offer them to the budget process as early as possible.

### **4.0 Key Decisions**

The following Key Decisions were taken by Cabinet on 5 November 2019:

- (1) Mellishaw Traveller Site – Future Arrangements
- (2) Climate Change Update
- (3) Cultural Investment Framework
- (4) Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)
- (5) Investment Proposals

### **Background Papers**

Cabinet agenda and minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2019.