



CABINET

17th JANUARY 2024

PRESENT:

Councillor Blackwell	Chairman – Leader of the Council
Councillor W. Gibson	Strategic Planning
Councillor T. Gibson	Special Projects & Assets
Councillor Mountford	Resources
Councillor Palmer	Economic Growth & Climate Action
Councillor Sach	Health Wellbeing & Housing
Councillor Savage	People & Community

APOLOGIES: Councillor Fuller

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors Acott, Ainsley, Benson, Bowker, Dearson, Hart, Howlett, Isaacs, Jones, Lillis, Mumford, Skipp and Walter.

MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Councillors Hart, Skipp and Mumford had given notice.

70. MEMBERS' INTERESTS:

There were none.

71. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20th December 2023, were approved, and signed as a correct record.

72. CORPORATE HEALTH CHECK - REPORT BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Cabinet considered a positive report from the Local Government Association following a Corporate Health check undertaken on 12th December 2023.

In presenting the report the Leader drew attention to initial findings shortly after the administration was formed contrasted with this positive report. As a new administration it was good to have an independent view of a critical next friend on the progress that had been made on the Council's transformation journey. This gave confidence in moving forward to modernise the Council and focus services on the needs of the community.

The Leader took the opportunity to thank the Chief Executive and council officers for their dedication and hard work together with Cabinet colleagues.

Resolved:

To note the report of the Local Government Association as set out in the Appendix to the report.

73. CASTLE POINT PLAN LETTER OF POSSIBLE INTERVENTION

Cabinet considered the report noting the letter of possible intervention on the preparation of a new Local Plan received from the Secretary of State at the Department of Levelling Up Homes and Communities, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, the response from the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, and next steps in the preparation of a revised Local Development Scheme.

Resolved:

1. To note the letter from the Secretary of State and the response to that letter from the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.
2. That officers revise the Local Development Scheme for decision by Council.

74. PLANNING POLICY UPDATE - SPORT FACILITY EVIDENCE - PLAYING PITCH AND INDOOR BUILT FACILITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

Cabinet considered report seeking endorsement of the 2023 update to the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action plan and the 2023 update to the Indoor Built Facility Strategy and Action plan which were attached as appendices to the report.

Resolved:

1. To endorse the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan 2023 update.
2. To endorse the Indoor Built Facilities Strategy and Action Plan 2023 update.

75. NOTICE OF MOTION – PARKING STANDARDS

Cabinet received a report to consider whether to report to Council on the budget implications of the Motion deferred from Council held on 29 November 2023.

Resolved:

To report to Council on the budget implications of the Motion namely that the creation of a Castle Point bespoke parking standards Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is not a good use of the Council's resources because the law requires that the provision of parking standards is undertaken as part of the local plan making process in any event and, therefore, the Council's resources should remain focussed on the preparation of the Castle Point Plan and not be diverted into the creation of an unnecessary SPD.

76. MATTERS TO BE REFERRED FROM/TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no matters.

77. MATTERS TO BE REFERRED FROM/TO POLICY & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES -

There were no matters.