

Cabinet

Minutes of meeting held remotely on 4 November 2020 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor David Tutt (Chair).

Councillors Stephen Holt (Deputy-Chair), Margaret Bannister, Jonathan Dow, Alan Shuttleworth, Colin Swansborough and Rebecca Whippy.

Officers in attendance:

Robert Cottrill (Chief Executive), Homira Javadi (Chief Finance Officer), Philip Evans (Director of Tourism & Enterprise), Ian Fitzpatrick (Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning), Tim Whelan (Director of Service Delivery), Becky Cooke (Assistant Director for Human Resources and Transformation), Oliver Dixon (Interim Head of Legal Services), Jo Harper (Head of Business Planning and Performance) and Simon Russell (Interim Head of Democratic Services).

18 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020 were submitted and approved and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

19 Apologies for absence

None were reported.

20 Declaration of members' interests

None were declared.

21 Recovery and reset programme

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive, updating them on the progress of the Recovery and Reset Programme.

Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 2 November 2020 and did not object to the officer recommendations.

Resolved (Key decision):

(1) To note the progress made with the Recovery and Reset Programme.

(2) To agree an allocation of £250k to be added to the capital programme to ensure immediate start of the Recovery and Reset work.

Reason for decisions:

The Recovery and Reset Programme provides a structured and accountable approach for delivering the level of significant organisational change needed to respond to current and future challenges.

22 Eastbourne Carbon Neutral 2030: A plan for action

The Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning, seeking their agreement to the strategy and action plan to deliver Eastbourne Carbon Neutral 2030.

Council activities would include decarbonising all Eastbourne Homes housing stock by 2030; decarbonising council vehicles by this date; buying renewable electricity and reducing its energy consumption; tree planting and nature projects, and undertaking a public consultation to engage residents in recycling more and producing less waste.

The Cabinet would receive an annual progress report detailing the council and borough carbon footprints.

Thanks were conveyed to Jo Harper, Head of Business Planning and Performance and Kate Richardson, Strategy and Partnership Lead (Sustainability) for their work throughout. The Cabinet also expressed their thanks to the Eco Action Network, cross-party Climate Change Strategic Panel and everyone else involved in the work set out in the report.

Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 2 November 2020 and were supportive of the officer recommendations, subject to amendments. These were published as a supplement and considered by Cabinet during their discussions.

Following discussions, Cabinet unanimously agreed to the officer recommendations as originally set out in the report.

Resolved (Key decision):

(1) To approve the 'Eastbourne Carbon Neutral 2030: The Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan' for publication

(2) To approve the 'Eastbourne Carbon Neutral 2030: A Plan for Action' summary document for publication

(3) To require the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Planning and Regeneration to produce an annual progress report detailing the council and borough carbon footprints, and progress against the action plan in September each year.

Reason for decisions:

To progress towards the aims of achieving Eastbourne Carbon Neutral 2030 as resolved in July 2019.

23 Exclusion of the public**Resolved:**

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the remote meeting as otherwise there was a likelihood of disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The relevant paragraph of schedule 12A and a description of the exempt information was shown below. (The requisite notice having been given under regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.)

24 Redundancy and redeployment

The Cabinet considered the exempt report of the Assistant Director for Human Resources and Transformation. The report set out the current activity within the redundancy and redeployment procedure and actions taken to support affected individuals.

Resolved (Key decision):

(1) To note the actions taken to manage implications of change for displaced individuals through support, redeployment and assistance with self marketing under the redundancy and redeployment procedure.

(2) To agree the financial implications of severance for those identified.

Reason for decisions:

This is as a result of the Devonshire Quarter consultation. Actions have been taken to manage the implications of this change for displaced individuals through support, redeployment and assistance with self marketing under the redundancy and redeployment Procedure

Notes: (1) The report remained exempt. (2) Exempt information reasons 1 and 2- Information relating to the individual or likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

The meeting ended at 6.28 pm

Councillor David Tutt (Chair)