

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **CABINET** held on 11 May 2017 at 2.15 pm

Present

Councillors

C J Eginton (Leader)
R J Chesterton, K Busch, P H D Hare-Scott,
C R Slade, Mrs M E Squires and
R L Stanley

Also Present

Councillor(s)

F J Rosamond

Also Present

Officer(s):

Stephen Walford (Chief Executive), Andrew Jarrett (Director of Finance, Assets and Resources), Andrew Pritchard (Director of Operations), Jill May (Director of Corporate Affairs and Business Transformation), Jenny Clifford (Head of Planning and Regeneration), Kathryn Tebbey (Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer), Tina Maryan (Area Planning Officer) and Sally Gabriel (Member Services Manager)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (00-01-10)

There were no members of the public present.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (00-01-18)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. SINGLE EQUALITIES POLICY AND EQUALITY OBJECTIVE

Arising from a report of the Audit Team Leader, the Community Policy Development Group had recommended that the Single Equality Scheme together with the Equality Objective for 2017-18 be approved.

The Cabinet Member for Community Well-Being outlined the contents of the report reminding those present of the Council's statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 where the local authority had a duty to have due regard to:

- Eliminating discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and

- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

He highlighted the equality information available within the report and the appendices.

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Policy Development Group be approved.

(Proposed by Cllr C R Slade and seconded by Cllr Mrs M E Squires)

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

Arising from a report of the Health and Safety Officer, the Community Policy Development Group had recommended that the Health and Safety Policy be approved. The policy had been approved by the JNCC on 12 January 2017, following review by the Health and Safety Committee and Unison. Members were asked to also note that the action points in the report to the Community PDG had been reviewed by the Health and Safety Committee and had subsequently been undertaken.

The Cabinet Member for the Working Environment and Support Services outlined the contents of the report stating that the policy was reviewed on an annual basis as the authority had an obligation to protect members of the public, its employees and any contractors. She highlighted the responsibilities of the Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Officers, the role of the Corporate Safety Officer and arrangements for training.

Consideration took place regarding self-assessment processes.

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Policy Development Group be approved.

(Proposed by Cllr Mrs M E Squires and seconded by Cllr C R Slade)

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

6. **TIVERTON TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION MASTERPLAN AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (00-10-37)**

The Cabinet had before it a *report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration requesting it to consider the options for inclusion in the masterplan for Stage 1 public consultation.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration outlined the contents of the report stating that the vision before Members today addressed the regeneration of specific parts of the town. He explained that the authority has appointed consultants to prepare the masterplan and investment programme for Tiverton and handed over to Jessica Richmond from WYG Consultants who had prepared a presentation for Members.

Mrs Richmond provided some background information with regard to the town and how it sat within local and national road network. She highlighted the positives within the town, that of the environment, the rivers, the castle and the market all of which provided opportunities for the town and that there was the need to create a vibrant town centre with new street spaces and better accessibility.

She identified the key themes within the consultation document, that of accessibility, the riverside area, the southern gateway, the market, potential development sites and the key sites in control of the district council. She also identified the proposed phasing of the projects.

Consideration was given to:

- The proposal to create more parking at Westexe and the view across the river from the town hall site
- Car parking prices
- The relocation of the coach park
- The need for the entrance to the town to be improved and necessary signage to be put in place
- Financial implications of such a vision
- Previous exercises that had taken place
- The reality of such a vision
- The need to invest in the town
- The need for the consultation document to have a clear focus so that the public could be certain what they were being asked to comment on

RESOLVED that the Tiverton Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan and Investment Programme consultation document be deferred to allow for further consideration to take place.

(Proposed by Cllr R J Chesterton and seconded by Cllr C R Slade)

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

7. **CABINET MEMBER DECISION (00-55-27)**

The Cabinet **NOTED** the following decision made by the Cabinet Member for the Environment:

To close the Market Place Car Park, Tiverton on Sunday the 30th of April 2017 between 08.00 – 16.00.

Reason for decision:

The Freedom of the Town march is being carried out by the crew of HMS Enterprise and the band of the Royal Marines and has been organised by Tiverton Town Council. The march will start in the Market Place where there will be an inspection and medal presentation by the Mayor of Tiverton. The march will then move forward to Newport St, St Peters St, Angel Hill, Fore St, Bampton St and back into the Market Place.

The parade starts at 14.00 hrs and will be completed by 16.00 hrs.

The route and market have been assessed by the police security and naval security on Thursday 20th April 2017. As a result there is a requirement that there should be no vehicles parked along the route or in the car park due to the potential to be a security risk i.e. terrorist attack by the use of vehicles. Therefore a request has been made that the Market car park be closed on Sunday 30th April 2017 to vehicles between 8.00 hrs and 16.00 hrs (except VIP and authorised vehicles) as a security measure.

8. **NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISIONS (00-55-44)**

The Cabinet had before it, and **NOTED**, its rolling plan* for June 2017 containing future key decisions.

Note: *Plan previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

(The meeting ended at 3.15 pm)

CHAIRMAN