

MINUTES OF CABINET

21 JANUARY 2025

PRESENT:

Councillors Moran (Chair), Brown, C Edwards, Livesey, Mistry and O'Rourke.

Councillors Lewis, McKenzie, Picker, Poole and Roodhouse were also in attendance.

66. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

69. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Partnerships and Wellbeing Portfolio

70. RUGBY WORLD CUP 2025

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Leisure and Wellbeing (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning proposed activities to celebrate the Rugby World Cup 2025 taking place in England for the women's game.

RESOLVED THAT – a budget of £38,000 funded from town centre reserves to celebrate and acknowledge the Rugby World Cup 2025 in England for the Women's game be approved.

Finance, Performance, Legal and Governance Portfolio

71. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2025/26, DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2025/26 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025-2030

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Council's General Fund revenue position for 2025/26 alongside the Council's 2025-30 Medium Term Financial Plan, together with the proposed Council Tax Base for 2025/26.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the draft General Fund Revenue position for 2025/26 alongside the Council's 2025-2030 Medium Term Financial Plan be noted; and
- (2) the Council Tax Base 2025/26 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.

Communities, Homes, Regulation and Safety Portfolio

72. AIR QUALITY – ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT AND AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Regulation and Safety (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning the latest annual status report and revised action plan relating to air quality in the Borough.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Annual Status Report 2024 and the Air Quality Action Plan 2024-2028 be adopted.

73. ESTABLISHMENT OF A RUGBY LANDLORD FORUM

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Regulation and Safety (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning the proposed establishment of a Rugby Landlord Forum.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -

- (1) the establishment of a new Rugby Landlord Forum be supported; and
- (2) the Chief Officer for Regulation and Safety be given delegated authority to establish the Forum and its structure.

74. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2025/26 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025-29

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officers – Communities and Homes and Finance and Performance (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning the Council's first draft HRA revenue and capital position for 2025/26 together with a HRA Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

RESOLVED THAT – the draft revenue, approved capital budgets for 2025/26 and the updated medium term financial plan in Appendices A, B and C to the report be noted.

Operations and Traded Services Portfolio

75. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN FOR RUGBY BOROUGH

Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning proposed climate change adaptation actions for the borough.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the Climate Change Adaptation Plan be adopted.

Organisational Change Portfolio

76. PAY POLICY STATEMENT

Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Part 1 – agenda item 11) concerning the Council’s annual pay policy statement for 2023/24.

RESOLVED THAT – the new Pay Policy Statement, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted with immediate effect.

77. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Finance, Performance, Legal and Governance Portfolio

78. HONORARIUM

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Financial Officer (Part 2 – agenda item 1) concerning a proposed honorarium.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) the recommendation, as detailed in the report, be approved; and

(2) the officer be thanked for their hard work and commitment to the Council over recent months.

Item considered en bloc

79. WRITE OFFS

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 2 – agenda item 2) concerning write offs.

RESOLVED THAT – IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the write offs, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

Note: this decision is not subject to call-in.

CHAIR