

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS, at 12.00 pm on Thursday, 18 November 2021

Present: Councillor Tom Dawlings (Chairman)
Councillors Scott (Vice-Chairman), Bailey, Fairweather, March and McDermott

Officers in Attendance: William Benson (Chief Executive), Lee Colyer (Director of Finance, Policy and Development (Section 151 Officer)), Paul Taylor (Director of Change and Communities), Jane Fineman (Head of Finance and Procurement), Claudette Valmond (Head of Legal Partnership and Interim Monitoring Officer) and Caroline Britt (Democratic Services Officer)

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Hamilton

APOLOGIES

CAB81/21 There were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CAB82/21 There were no disclosable pecuniary or other significant interests declared at the meeting.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

CAB83/21 There were no visiting Members or members of the public who had registered as wishing to speak.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 28 OCTOBER 2021

CAB84/21 Members reviewed the minutes. No amendments were proposed.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting dated 28 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

CAB85/21 There were no questions from members of the Council.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CAB86/21 There were no questions from members of the public.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FORWARD PLAN AS AT 27 OCTOBER 2021

CAB87/21 Members considered the plan. No amendments were proposed.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan as at 27 October 2021 be noted.

FEES AND CHARGES SETTING 2022/23

CAB88/21 Jane Fineman, Head of Finance, Procurement and Parking introduced the report set out in the agenda.

Since publication of the agenda and supported by the Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board on Tuesday 16 November 2021, an additional request was made to include a recommendation to issue parking permits at the Torrington Road multi storey car park. The proposed charges would be the same as for the other multi storey car parks, £1,050 for a 7 day permit and £840 for a 4 day permit per annum.

Discussion and questions from Members included the following:

- The huge complexity of the various fees and charges was recognised and the Finance Team were thanked for all their hard work over what had been a very challenging time.

RESOLVED –

1. That the fees and charges set out in the report and the attached appendices be agreed.
2. That delegated authority be given to the s151 Officer to make any necessary amendments.
3. That the timings for the price increases to be implemented as indicated in the report be agreed.
4. That electronic payments be continued in car parks with card payment facilities be agreed.
5. That the removal of the final 10 pence discount for using Pay by Phone be agreed.
6. That the provision for permit parking and associated cost of season tickets at the Torrington car park be agreed.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Securing revenue in line with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy remains vital to balancing the budget annually in order to support all of the services provided by the Council.

URGENT BUSINESS

CAB89/21 There was no urgent business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

CAB90/21 The next meeting would be held on Thursday 2 December commencing at 10:30am in Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

NOTES:

The meeting concluded at 12.15 pm.