

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS, at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 20 April 2023

Present: Councillor Ben Chapelard (Chair)

Councillors Warne (Vice-Chair), Hall, Everitt, Fitzsimmons, Hayward and Rutland

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

Other Members in Attendance: Councillors Dawlings

LEADERS INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAB154/22 There were no announcements.

APOLOGIES

CAB155/22 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hugo Pound.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CAB156/22 There were no disclosable pecuniary or other significant interests declared at the meeting.

NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK

CAB157/22 There were no visiting Members who had registered as wishing to speak.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 14 MARCH 2023

CAB158/22 Members reviewed the minutes. No amendments were proposed.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting dated 14 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 23 MARCH 2023

CAB159/22 Members reviewed the minutes. No amendments were proposed.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting dated 23 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

CAB160/22 There were no questions from members of the Council.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CAB161/22 There were no questions from members of the public.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FORWARD PLAN AS AT 29 MARCH 2023

CAB162/22 Members considered the plan. No amendments were proposed.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan as at 29 March 2023 be noted.

*** CIVIC AWARDS 2023**

CAB163/22 David Hayward, Cabinet Member for Governance and Transparency introduced Caroline Britt, Senior Democratic Services Officer who provided an brief summary of the report.

The report was taken as read.

To note, the matter was decided taking the exempt information set out in the report as read.

RESOLVED – That Full Council be recommended to award the title of Honorary Alderman to the individual set out at Exempt Appendix A

REASON FOR DECISION: To endorse the nominee who fulfils the criteria of Honorary Alderman

*** CIVIC AWARDS 2023**

CAB164/22 David Hayward, Cabinet Member for Governance and Transparency introduced Caroline Britt, Senior Democratic Services Officer who provided an brief summary of the report.

The report was taken as read.

To note, the matter was decided taking the exempt information set out in the report as read.

RESOLVED – That Full Council be recommended to award the Honorary Freedom of the Borough to the organisation set out at Exempt Appendix A

REASON FOR DECISION: To endorse the nominee who fulfils the criteria of Honorary Freedom of the Borough scheme

ACQUISITION OF LEASE

CAB165/22 This item was discussed in Exempt.

URGENT BUSINESS

CAB166/22 There was no urgent business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

CAB167/22 The next meeting would be held on Thursday 22 June 2023 commencing at 6:30pm.

ACQUISITION OF LEASE - EXEMPT REPORT AND APPENDICES (AGENDA ITEM 12)

CAB168/22 **RESOLVED** – That pursuant to Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Act, by virtue of the particular paragraphs shown on the agenda and on the attached report.

- Cabinet discussed the additional comments/suggestions put forward by the Finance and Governance Cabinet Advisory Board and agreed that they would be included as recommendations to go forward to Full Council.

RESOLVED – That Full Council be recommended to support the recommendations as set out in the Exempt Report

REASON FOR DECISION: The acquisition would provide the Council with the ability to influence the economic development of the Borough.

NOTES:

The meeting concluded at 7.05 pm.