

MINUTES OF CABINET

6 JUNE 2022

PRESENT:

Councillors Lowe (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Picker, Poole and Roberts.

Councillors Mrs O'Rourke and Roodhouse were also in attendance.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Miss Lawrence and Ms Robbins.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question was received in accordance with the Council's public question time procedure. Becca Stevenson attended the meeting.

Becca Stevenson asked the following question of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

"Why does Rugby Borough Council not have a portfolio holder for the responsibility of climate change and the environment, especially in light of its ambitions regarding the climate emergency?"

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, replied as follows:

"Since declaring a climate emergency, this Council has been clear that to become net zero and to address the broader environmental and biodiversity crisis, significant action will be required within each and every service that we deliver and by each and every team within the Council.

As such, this Council took the bold and necessary step of establishing a climate change champion whose remit is to work across all portfolios, ensuring that all services prioritise action and maximise opportunities to collaborate.

The climate change strategy and action plan which has been produced as a result of this appointment reflects all services and teams contributing to our net zero ambitions - and is testimony to both that decision and the ability of our Climate Change Champion to bring services together to deliver meaningful change."

Item considered not within a specific portfolio

5. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning a proposed climate change strategy and action plan for consultation. The Appendix to the report had been circulated separately prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED THAT - the draft Climate Strategy and action plan, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for public consultation.

Growth and Investment Portfolio

6. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT FUNDING

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the Additional Restrictions Grant funding allocated to Rugby Borough Council and distributed through Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Coventry & Warwickshire Growth Hub report, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted; and
- (2) Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub be thanked for their help in the distribution of the Additional Restriction Grant to businesses on behalf of Rugby Borough Council which delivered successful outcomes for local businesses and employment opportunities.

Note: this decision is not subject to call in.

7. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUPS

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning an update on work being undertaken in relation to the town centre and the establishment of a number of working groups.

RESOLVED THAT - the work being undertaken in relation to the town centre, and in particular the establishment of working groups around key themes, be noted.

Finance, Performance, Legal and Governance Portfolio

8. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES 2022/23

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Legal and Governance (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning appointments to working parties for the 2022/23 municipal year.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Rugby Art Gallery and Museum Working Party and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Working Party be disestablished; and
- (2) the membership of each Working Party for the 2022/23 municipal year, as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report, be approved.

9. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Legal and Governance (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning a proposed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement as set out at Appendix 1, be approved; and
- (2) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Officer for Legal & Governance to make any non-material amendments.

10. CASHLESS PAYMENTS IN OFF-STREET CAR PARKS

Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Officer – Regulation and Safety (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning the proposed implementation of a cashless payment option in Council off-street car parks on a trial basis.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the trial of cashless parking at pay and display car parks across the Borough on a trial basis initially for 24 months, using RingGo as an additional method to paying by cash, be approved; and
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Legal & Governance to enter into any necessary legal agreements.

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

CHAIRMAN