

**Minutes of a meeting of Cabinet  
held on Monday, 25th March, 2024  
from 1.00 pm**

**Present:**

A Bennett (Vice-Chair)

AM Cooke

I Gibson

C Hobbs

**Absent:**

Councillors R Eggleston

**Also Present:**

Councillor Kenny

In the absence of Councillor Eggleston, Councillor Bennett acted as Chairman. Councillor Hobbs proposed that Councillor Gibson be appointed as Vice Chairman for the duration of this meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Cooke.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Kenny to the meeting as group leaders invited under the Cabinet protocol.

**1. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA.**

None.

**2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies were received as all Members were present.

**3. TO BE AGREED BY GENERAL AFFIRMATION THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2024.**

The Cabinet agreed the minutes and they were signed by the Chairman.

**4. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT BUSINESS.**

None.

**5. SOCIAL VALUE AND SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER.**

Before the report was presented to Cabinet for debate, Councillor Kenny attending the meeting (not being a member of Cabinet) confirmed that he did not wish to make a contribution to this item.

Judy Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive introduced the item, noting it was an important step in the Council's commitment to Net Zero and the Economy and Sustainability Strategy objectives 6 and 13.

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy and Housing proposed the item reiterating that it is an important opportunity to make progress on the Net Zero target. This was seconded by the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Customer Services who referenced a new contractor Glendale who is an good example this charter's aims and objectives. Discussion was held on the extent to which the charter may prejudice small businesses who won't have the resources needed. It was confirmed that the Council is working closely with small businesses and providing training to mitigate any potential inadvertent impact.

The Chairman took the Members to a vote on the recommendations which were agreed unanimously.

### **RESOLVED**

Cabinet approved the Social Value and Sustainability Charter as shown at Appendix 1, subject to any agreed changes.

## **6. BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2023/2024 - PROGRESS REPORT OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023 (Q3).**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Kenny confirmed that he did not wish to make any representation.

Louise Duffield, Director Resources and Organisational Development introduced the report noting two points within the Capital Programme: the Centre for Outdoor Sports which is moving into the delivery phase and will accelerate quickly, and the strong performance of treasury management.

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy and Housing noted the pressures faced by a number of Council's and congratulated Officers for maintaining services under such conditions.

Cabinet Member for Finance, Revenues and Benefits proposed the item confirming that the forecast outturn is as described in the report. This was seconded by the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Customer Services who was pleased to see the delivery of the Centre for Outdoor Sports accelerating following the granting of planning permission, as it will be a vital community facility.

The Chairman took the Members to a vote on the recommendations which were agreed unanimously.

### **RESOLVED**

Cabinet endorsed the report and its contents and noted the current forecast outturn.

## **7. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT INVOLVES THE LIKELY DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE SAID ACT.**

The Cabinet agreed to move to a confidential session at 1.11pm.

**8. ALBERT DRIVE LEASE.**

The Cabinet discussed the disposal of the freehold interest of Site I & J Albert Drive, Victoria Industrial Estate, Burgess Hill to Hargreaves Property Holdings Limited. The recommendations proposed in the exempt annexe were agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

Cabinet agreed the recommendations contained in the exempt annexe.

The meeting returned to open session at 1.19pm.

The meeting finished at 1.20 pm

Chairman