

**Minutes of a meeting of Cabinet
held on 19 December 2022
at 5.00 pm**

Present: J Ash-Edwards (Chair)
J Belsey (Deputy)

R De Mierre
S Hillier

R Salisbury

N Webster

Absent: Councillor R Cromie

Also Present: Councillors R Bates and R Clarke

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

None.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Cromie.

3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

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

None.

5. CLAIR HALL - FINANCE UPDATE.

Rafal Hejne, Interim Head of Organisational Development introduced the report which asked Cabinet to approve further funding from reserves to progress work as agreed at the Cabinet meeting on 17th October.

The Leader noted correspondence had been received from a member of the public and he asked Geoff Wild, Monitoring Officer to comment.

The Leader confirmed in October Cabinet agreed to take forward the advice of BOP Consulting for models one and three. The report requested additional funding for the next stage led by the agreed multi-disciplinary team.

The Leader noted that no Member wished to speak further and moved to vote on the recommendations, which were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) Approve a virement of £50,000 to enable work to commence immediately.
- (ii) Approve a further transfer of £135k from General Reserve to the Clair Hall reserve to fully deliver all three phases of this work.

6. REVIEW OF EARMARKED RESERVES.

Louise Duffield, Director Resources and Organisational Development introduced the report which had reviewed the Council's earmarked reserves. If approved the recommendations would result £271,000 moving back to the General Reserve.

In response to Members' questions, Simon Hughes, Director for People and Commercial Services advised surveys are undertaken to identify where repairs are required to the Council's assets and the Planned Asset Maintenance Reserve is used to fund the ongoing repairs. He confirmed he was happy with the level of reserves as it is constantly monitored.

The Leader noted that no Member wished to speak further, he moved to vote on the recommendations which were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

Cabinet recommended to:

- (i) Agree the release of earmarked reserves of £471k to the General Reserve;
- (ii) Agree to top up the Burgess Hill Growth Reserve by £200k from the General Reserve.
- (iii) Agree to combine the following reserves: the Management Restructure Reserve, the JE (Job Evaluation) Reserve and the Efficiency Reserve.
- (iv) To rename this reserve the Organisational Development and Efficiency Reserve.

The meeting finished at 5.08 pm

Chairman