MINUTES OF CABINET

5 JUNE 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors Stokes (Chairman), Mrs Crane, Mrs Parker, Ms Robbins and Mrs Timms.

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Mrs Bragg, Ms Edwards, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Lewis, Roodhouse and Sandison were also in attendance.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. TRIBUTES TO LIVES LOST

(i) Manchester and London terror attacks

Cabinet wished to place on record its thoughts to the victims and families affected by the recent terror attacks in Manchester and London. The Council had marked these horrific events by lowering all flags at the Town Hall to half mast. It had also offered its support to the local authorities affected.

(ii) Sean Lawson, Head of Environment and Public Realm

Cabinet wished to place on record its sympathy to the family and friends of Sean Lawson, Head of Environment and Public Realm, who tragically passed away with his wife on 28 May 2017. It also paid tribute to Sean's colleagues, in particular the Council's Senior Management Team, for continuing their work in such a professional manner under difficult circumstances. The Leader also thanked external bodies for their support at this time, including Reverend Imogen Nay and Reverend Margaret Simmons who had both offered ongoing pastoral care to employees.

The Environment and Public Realm Portfolio Holder added that Sean had been a huge support to her in her work and he would be missed greatly.

All Members and officers stood in a minute's silence in memory of those who had lost their lives in the terror attacks and in memory of Sean.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 8 of Part 1 – Approval of Community Grants 2017/18 – Councillor Ms Edwards (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct by virtue of being a trustee of Hill Street Youth and Community Centre.

4. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

Growth and Investment Portfolio

5. **RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO HOUSING WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION**

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 5) concerning this Council's response to the Government's Housing White Paper.

RESOLVED THAT - the response to the Government consultation document on the Housing White Paper, contained in the appendix to this report, be endorsed and approved for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government.

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

Corporate Resources Portfolio

6. **CIVIC HONOURS PROTOCOL – REPORT OF THE CIVIC HONOURS SUB-GROUP**

Cabinet considered the report of the Civic Honours Sub-Group (Part 1 0 agenda item 6) concerning a review of a protocol for civic honours.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) the recommendations of the Civic Honours Sub-Group, as detailed in the report, be approved; and

(2) IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly to include the protocol for civic honours.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF WORKING PARTIES 2017/18**

Cabinet considered the report of the Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 7) concerning appointments to working parties for the 2017/18 municipal year.

RESOLVED THAT – this item be deferred to the next meeting of Cabinet and nominations to each working party be submitted to Democratic Services as soon as possible.

Communities and Homes Portfolio

8. **APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2017/18**

Cabinet considered the report of the Communities and Homes Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 8) concerning the approval of community grants for 2017/18.

RESOLVED THAT – the recommendations made by the Grants Working Party to allocate the funding for the 2017/8 community grants, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

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

Items considered en bloc

9.   RUGBY ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COLLECTION – CARE AND CONSERVATION POLICY AND DOCUMENTATION POLICY

Cabinet considered the report of the Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 9) concerning the Care and Conservation and Documentation policies for the Rugby Art Gallery and Museum collection.

RESOLVED THAT – the Collection Care and Conservation Policy and the Documentation Policy be approved.

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

10.   URGENT DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – CONTROL CENTRE – ADDITIONAL CONTROL CENTRE OPERATORS

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 10) concerning am urgent decision taken under delegated powers with regard to the appointment of additional Control Centre operators.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

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

11.   100% BUSINESS RATES CONSULTATION RESPONSE: FURTHER CONSULTATION ON THE DESIGN OF THE REFORMED SCHEME

Cabinet considered the report of the Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 11) concerning the Council's response to further consultation on the design of the reformed 100% business rates scheme.

RESOLVED THAT – the response to the Government's 100% Business Rate retention consultation be noted.

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

12.   BUSINESS RATES CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS ON THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATIO OF THE LOCALLY ADMINISTERED BUSINESS RATES RELIEF SCHEME

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources and Chief Financial Officer (Part 1 – agenda item 12) concerning this Council's response to the Government's Business rates consultation paper.

RESOLVED THAT – the response to the Government's Business Rates consultation paper be noted.

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

13.   RUGBY ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM FORWARD PLAN 2017 – 2021

Cabinet considered the report of the Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder (Part 1 – agenda item 13) concerning the Rugby Art Gallery and Museum Forward Plan for 2017-2021.

RESOLVED THAT - the Rugby Art Gallery and Museum Forward Plan for 2017-2021 be approved.

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

CHAIRMAN