

# Minutes



To: All Members of the Cabinet,  
Chief Executive, Chief Officers

From: Democratic & Statutory Services  
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## **CABINET 23 JANUARY 2017**

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

D A Ashley, T L F Douris, R I N Gordon (Chairman), C M Hayward, T C Heritage,  
R M Roberts, J D Williams, C B Wyatt-Lowe

#### **OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

D Andrews, N Bell, L F Reeve

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 23 January 2016 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

*Note: Interests declared by Members of the Cabinet in relation to the matters on which conclusions were reached at this meeting are recorded at item 4 below.*

### **PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS**

#### **1. MINUTES**

- 1.1 The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 December 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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**2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

2.1 There were no questions from Members of the Council to the Executive.

**3. PUBLIC PETITIONS**

3.1 There were no public petitions.

**4. INTEGRATED PLAN 2017/18 – 2019/20**

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

4.1 It was noted that all Members of Cabinet in receipt of an allowance from the County Council, another authority in Hertfordshire, or a body to whom they have been appointed by the County Council, had received a dispensation to allow them to participate in and vote on the Integrated Plan.

4.2 **D A Ashley** declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item of business as he receives an allowance from the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority; the dispensation referred to above applies to this interest. He remained in the room and participated in the debate and vote.

4.3 **R I N Gordon** declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item of business by virtue of his wife having a beneficial freehold interest in the premises of her former veterinary practice and contiguous land lying south of Tilekiln Farm, Standon Road, Little Hadham. He advised that he had been granted a dispensation by the Standards Committee to participate, debate and vote in business in which this Disclosable Pecuniary Interest was mentioned provided that the business to be considered did not directly affect his financial position or that of his wife; which, on this occasion, he judged that it did not. He remained in the room and participated in the debate and vote.

Declarable Interests

4.4 The following Member of Cabinet declared a Declarable Interest under the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members:-

**D A Ashley**, as he is Chairman of Hitchin Educational Foundation; a charity which derives part of its income from leasing a property to the County Council. He remained in the room and participated in the debate and vote.

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**4(i) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON THE INTEGRATED PLAN 2017/18 - 2019/20**  
[Forward Plan A058/16]

**Decision**

4.5 Cabinet noted the results of the public engagement activity undertaken and agreed to take this into account when considering the proposed Integrated Plan for 2017/18 – 2019/20.

**Reasons for the decision**

4.6 As set out above.

4.7 The County Council has a good track record of consulting and engaging with residents using a wide variety of methods. Ongoing dialogue concerning the financial issues the Council faces continues to be promoted through channels such as Herts Horizons, the Council website, and through stakeholder groups. It is continuing to develop its use of social media in order to widen participation and engagement.

4.8 Specific service-related proposals which affect the integrated plan are each subject to their own individual consultations, the outcomes of which are reported to Cabinet separately at the appropriate time.

4.9 Cabinet noted the results of the public engagement activity undertaken; Cabinet Panels will be invited to consider these results when reviewing the Integrated Plan proposals at their forthcoming meetings.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

4.10 None.

**4(ii). INTEGRATED PLAN 2017/18 - 2019/20 (incorporating the Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)**  
[Forward Plan A057/16]

**Decision**

4.11 Cabinet agreed:-

- i. the proposed Integrated Plan, including the revenue budget and capital programmes for 2017/18 – 2019/20, and proposed changes in the Treasury Management Strategy to the Council's policy for Minimum Revenue Provision, be presented for review by Service Cabinet Panels, Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and Resources and Performance Cabinet Panel, prior to the next Cabinet meeting on 20 February 2017.
- ii. the release of schools budget data/information to the Department for

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Education (DfE), and noted that the Director of Resources may make any consequential amendments arising from current uncertainties.

**Reasons for the decision**

4.12 As set out above.

4.13 (i) The report considered by Cabinet introduces the Integrated Plan 2017/18 - 2019/20 and pulls together the impact of pressures and savings over the next three years. It includes proposed changes in the Treasury Management Strategy to the Council's policy for Minimum Revenue Provision; provides detail on the Council's Insurance and Risk Strategy and also includes the Capital, Asset Management and Invest to Transform Strategy.

Cabinet has approved the plans, proposals and options to address pressures and savings requirements for 2017/18 -2019/20 for review by service Cabinet Panels, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and Resources and Performance Cabinet Panel; the views and recommendations of these meetings will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20 February 2017.

4.14 (ii) Cabinet has also approved the proposed schools revenue budget for 2017/18, which the Council is required to approve for release to meet the statutory deadline of the Department for Education of 23 January 2017. Cabinet also noted that the Director of Resources may make any minor consequential amendments arising from current uncertainties.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

4.15 None.

**KATHRYN PETTITT,  
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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