

# Minutes



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

From: Legal, Democratic & Statutory Services  
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## **CABINET 23 OCTOBER 2017**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

D A Ashley, T L F Douris, T C Heritage, R M Roberts, R Sangster, J D Williams (Chairman for the meeting)

#### Deputy Executive Members attending on behalf of an Executive Member

F Hill (attending on behalf of C B Wyatt-Lowe)

#### Other Members in Attendance

D Andrews, J Billing

Cabinet stood in memory of Robert Gordon, the Leader of the Council, who sadly passed away on 6 October 2017.

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 23 October 2017 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

*Note: No conflicts of interest were declared by any member of the Cabinet in relation to the matters on which decisions were reached at this meeting.*

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

#### **1. MINUTES**

- 1.1 The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 25 September 2017 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 Executive Members.

**3. PUBLIC PETITIONS**

3.1 There were no public petitions.

**4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN**  
[Forward Plan Ref: A022/17]

**Decision**

4.1 Cabinet approved the content of the draft Local Transport Plan 4, attached at Appendix A, for public consultation, as set out in the report.

**Reasons for the decision**

4.2 The Local Transport Plan is the countywide transport strategy, and forms part of the Council's policy framework. Since 2014, the Transport Policy Team has been undertaking a Transport Vision 2050 project to develop a new Local Transport Plan for Hertfordshire. Since the 2016 Transport Vision public consultation feedback, the Transport Policy Team have been working to further develop and refine the Local Transport Plan content, which has included a thorough policy review exercise, technical work to better understand and address future transport planning uncertainties, and work to develop strategic narratives for key multimodal movement corridors in the county. The new Local Transport Plan has now been drafted which builds on the consultation feedback, and reflects the further work that has been undertaken to both address some of the feedback received and develop the content.

4.3 Public consultation, the costs of which will be met from within existing resources, will run for a period of three months from late October 2017 to January 2018. Subject to the consultation feedback received, a new Local Transport Plan is planned to be ready for adoption in May 2018.

4.4 Cabinet considered the above in reaching its decision, together with the decision of the Environment, Planning & Transport Cabinet Panel.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

**5. STRATEGY FOR ULTRA LOW EMISSION VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS**  
[Forward Plan ref: A050/17]

**Decision**

5.1 Cabinet agreed that:

- i. In future, the Council would not provide or manage new Ultra Low Emission Vehicles charge points, but would enable the District and Borough Councils to promote and manage on-street charge points through the extension of the existing Parking Agency Agreements where such on-street provision accords with the law and powers available to both councils.
- ii. The existing Ultra Low Emission Vehicles charge points and responsibility for their management be transferred to the relevant Borough and District Councils.

**Reasons for the decision**

5.2 As set out above. The Council has helped create a sustainable market for Ultra Low Emission Vehicles through the provision of 'free to use' on and off street electricity charging point charging points; achieved through joint working with Borough and District Councils and the Private sector, as detailed within the report.

5.3 The market has become sufficiently mature, that it can now support the provision and operation of 'pay to use' facilities and many public sector operators and other Government 'Plugged In Places' scheme areas have migrated their networks to a 'pay to use' service.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

**6. APPLICATIONS TO FORM 100% BUSINESS RATES RETENTION PILOT OR BUSINESS RATES POOL**

**Decision**

6.2 Cabinet:

- i. approved in principle that the Council should apply to form a Business Rates Retention Pilot with the ten Hertfordshire district councils;
- ii. approved in principle that the Council should apply to form a Business Rates Pool (should the Pilot application not be successful); and

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- iii. delegated to the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources, Property and the Economy, authority to conclude the detailed terms of the applications referred to in i and ii above and to finalise arrangements for the Business Rates Retention Pilot and the Business Rates Pool (as the case may be).

**Reasons for the decision**

- 6.3 The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have issued an invitation for authorities, in particular two tier and rural areas, to apply for 100% Business Rates Retention Pilots for 2018/19. Financial modelling has indicated that there could be gains across Hertfordshire of approximately £9m. Applications need to include all authorities within Hertfordshire, and must be submitted by 27 October. Hertfordshire authorities can also apply to form a Business Rates Pool, should a Pilot application not be successful. This retains a lower proportion of growth (up to £2.8m). Using the same method as previous years, i.e. ranking districts on forecast growth and tariff, the 2016/17 Pool members give the maximum gains for the county.
- 6.4 Cabinet noted the above in making its decision and also noted that Chief Executives and Chief Finance Officers from the ten Hertfordshire Districts and the Council have considered the invitation to Pilot, and were supportive of the application that could benefit all authorities within Hertfordshire and were supportive of an application for Hertfordshire.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

**KATHRYN PETTITT  
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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