

# Minutes



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

From: Legal, Democratic & Statutory Services  
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## **CABINET 17 December 2018**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

D A Ashley, P Bibby, T L F Douris, T C Heritage, T W Hone, R M Roberts, R Sangster,  
J D Williams, (Leader of the Council), C B Wyatt-Lowe

#### Other Members in Attendance

J Billing, T R Hutchings, R H Smith

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 17 December 2018 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 (Parts I and II) of the Cabinet meeting held on 26 November 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

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

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### **3. PUBLIC PETITIONS**

3.1 There were no public petitions.

### **4. SPENDING PLANS FOR ADULT CARE SERVICES WINTER CARE FUNDING**

[Forward Plan Ref: A079/18]

#### **Decision**

4.1 Cabinet approved the proposals relating to the spend of 2018/19 Winter Care funding as set out in the report and Appendix 1 to the report.

#### **Reasons for the decision**

4.2 The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care recently announced the Winter Care Grant for Local Government, and details were confirmed in a letter to authorities on 17 October 2018. The county council's allocation of this grant for 2018/19 is £4,134,415. The Chancellor of the Exchequer then announced in his budget speech on 29 October 2018 that the Winter Care Grant would also be available in 2019/20; it has been confirmed that the county council will receive the exact same amount.

4.3 The money is intended to enable further reductions in the number of patients that are medically ready to leave hospital but are delayed because they are waiting for adult social care services. The expectation is for the spending to be focussed on reducing delayed transfers of care, helping to reduce extended lengths of stay, improving weekend discharge arrangements so that patients are assessed and discharged earlier, and speeding up the process of assessing and agreeing what social care is needed for patients in hospitals.

4.4 The Government expects health providers and local authorities to monitor improvements in these measures through local jointly agreed monitoring, and is clear that the money should be additional to current budgeted expenditure on adult social care.

4.5 Cabinet considered the above in reaching its decision, together with the financial implications; the equalities implications and the recommendations of the Adult Care & Health Cabinet Panel.

#### **Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

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**5. APPROVAL FOR ADULT CARE SERVICES INFORMATION AND ADVICE STRATEGY**

[Forward Plan Ref: A077/18]

**Decision**

5.1 Cabinet:

- i. approved the Information & Advice Strategy attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and
- ii. agreed that the issues deemed most important from the public consultation, set out at paragraph 4.7 of the report, should be prioritised in the action plan.

**Reasons for the decision**

5.2 The Adult Care Services Information and Advice Strategy was originally presented to Members in 2015 following the introduction of the Care Act 2014. It has been reviewed and updated to reflect the priorities in Adult Care Services (ACS) 15 Year Ambition and Three Year Plan and the results of the public consultation.

5.3 The reviewed strategy reflects key priorities for the council such as self-help preventative approaches; loneliness; providing financial information; housing information and support to staff to deliver Connected Lives. The council's new model for social care in Hertfordshire. The ACS Next Generation project is looking at the model and structures for providing information and advice when the Shared Managed Service contract ends in 2021. The proposal for a new approach to our 'gateway' – how people first come into our service will be informed by our delivery of this strategy over the next two years.

5.4 The public consultation ran for 12 weeks from September to November 2018. The consultation responses to date are reflected in the strategy and will inform the action plan and top priorities for development of information and advice.

5.5 The action plan will be focused on improving the development of public facing information to improve the customer experience and pathway, as well as looking for the greatest preventative opportunities. This will include the strategic development of HertsHelp.

5.6 Cabinet considered the above in reaching its decision, together with the equalities implications; the financial implications and the recommendations of the Adult Care & Health Cabinet Panel.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

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None.

**6. FINANCE BUDGET MONITOR – Q2**

[Forward Plan Ref: A080/18]

**Decision**

- 6.1 Cabinet approved the proposed Capital Reprogramming of £62.907m as set out in the report and Appendix C to the report.

**Reasons for the decision**

- 6.2 As set out above.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

**7. FUTURE OF LANDS AT BRIDLE WAY & DURRANTS LANE, BERKHAMSTED**

[Forward Plan Ref: A074/18]

**Decision**

- 7.1 Cabinet agreed that it would be premature to make a decision at this time, pending Dacorum Borough Council's review of its Local Plan.

**Reasons for the decision**

- 7.2 The site at Bridle Way has been held as a reserve for educational use under the existing Dacorum Local Plan and has been for many years. At the time this report was prepared the Local Plan was projecting future housing developments would to be focused to the South West Quadrant of the town. This would render the site at Bridle Way, which is in the Northern area of the Town, ill placed to meet that new demand. The report explains the rationale of removing the site from the county councils future educational needs to ensure that more suitable sites could be identified through the evolving Local Plan process.
- 7.3 At the Resources and Performance Cabinet Panel on 14 December 2018, it became apparent that recent events, including but not limited to the application from Taylor Wimpy, to develop residential sites to the South East of the town centre materially affected the potential outcome of a review of the Local Plan requested by the planning inspector. Although this may not impact the final decision in regard to the site at Bridle Way, Cabinet considered that a short delay in this matter would not be inappropriate while the focus of development

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in the town became clearer.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

Yes; as per original recommendation.

**8. ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PLACES (BISHOP’S STORTFORD NORTH)**  
[Forward Plan Ref: A078/18]

Discussion took place on this item in Part I.

**9. PART II (‘CLOSED’) AGENDA  
EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

9.1 Cabinet then decided to move into Part II (‘closed’ session’) and passed the decision at paragraph 9.2 below.

9.2 That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

9.3 Following discussion on the Part II Reports on the item referred to at 8 above and Recommendations, Cabinet moved back into Part I (open session) and considered the Part I Recommendations and made the decision at 10.1 below.

**10. ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PLACES (BISHOP’S STORTFORD NORTH)**  
[Forward Plan Ref: A078/18]

**Decision**

10.1 Cabinet approved:

- (i) the revision to the pattern of schools to serve the Bishop’s Stortford North development, as outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report;
- (ii) the update to the agreed capital budget for the Bishop’s Stortford North schools schemes, as contained in the accompanying Part II report; and
- (iii) forward funding of the relevant elements of the scheme due to the timing of land sale receipts and S106 contributions.

**Reasons for the decision**

- 10.2 Progress has been made on the proposals for schools to serve the Bishop’s Stortford North development and to support the previously reported preference for a new pattern of schools. The county council is now at the point at which it is ready to commence a contract for construction of the first school required to support the development and to initiate the competition process for securing a sponsor to operate the schools.
- 10.3 In February 2018, Cabinet approved a revised budget for the provision of a 6fe secondary school and a 2fe and 3fe primary school to serve this development. The information provided included construction costs and funding sources set out separately from the land costs and values and a revised construction budget. Cabinet gave approval as well to land costs and the self-financing aspects for use of the capital receipts from the corresponding disposal site values.
- 10.4 In reaching its decision, Cabinet considered the above, together with the information within the Part II report; the previous decisions made; the financial implications; the equalities implications and the recommendations of the Education, Libraries & Localism Cabinet Panel.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

**KATHRYN PETTITT  
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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