

## **Cabinet**

**Monday, 25 March 2019**

**7.30 pm**

### **Present:**

Cllr David Turner (Chair)  
Cllr John Knight (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Julia Burgoyne  
Harold Craske  
Sandra Garside  
Derek Shelbrooke

**Note:** Councillors John Burden, Lee Croxton, Shane Mochrie-Cox, Lenny Rolles, Brian Sangha and Jenny Wallace were also in attendance.

David Hughes Chief Executive  
Stuart Bobby Director (Corporate Services)  
Nick Brown Director (Environment & Operations)  
Melanie Norris Director (Communities)  
Carlie Simmonds Committee Services Manager (Minutes)

### **171. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2019 were signed by the Chair.

### **172. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **173. Delegated Decisions - Cabinet Members**

The Chief Executive advised that a delegated decision had recently been taken by the Leader of the Council agreeing to a proposed land swap in order to provide vehicular access to the Fountain Walk tunnels and cliff face owned by the Council to aid future maintenance.

### **174. Revised Working in Partnership Framework**

The Cabinet was advised that, in March 2016, it approved an updated Working in Partnership Framework for the Council which would be reviewed every three years.

The Director (Corporate Services) advised that a recent review was undertaken resulting in a number of amendments being made to the Framework, as follows:-

- updates to reflect changes in officer titles;
- reference to the revised General Data Protection regulations and consideration of these when considering partnership and shared-working arrangements;
- inclusion of the principles that have been agreed across North Kent for the development of shared working arrangements; and
- inclusion within the Partnership Evaluation Form of specific consideration to Safeguarding obligations.

The Cabinet was informed that the amendments were presented to the Performance and Administration Committee on 19 February 2019; the Committee was supportive of the amendments.

**Resolved** that the Working in Partnership Framework for the Council, as attached at appendix two of the report, be approved for submission to Full Council for formal adoption.

**175. Purchase of the freehold interest in 35-36 New Road, Gravesend and a long leasehold interest in A1-A3 and B1-B4 Springhead Enterprise Park, Northfleet**

The Director (Corporate Services) advised that the Cross Party Working Group established to oversee and approve property acquisitions by the Council considered the acquisition of 35-36 New Road, Gravesend and A1-A3 and B1-B4 Springhead Enterprise Park, Northfleet on 10 December 2018. Having considered all the papers including the surveyors' reports, financial analysis and independent valuation reports, the Group provided approval for the purchases to proceed on the terms agreed.

The Director (Corporate Services) informed the Cabinet that approximately £22 million had been spent to date on property acquisitions.

The Cabinet noted the report which provided details on each of the acquisitions.

**176. Minutes of meeting of Gravesham Joint Transportation Board held on Wednesday 13 March 2019**

The Cabinet considered the minutes of the Gravesham Joint Transportation Board meeting held on Wednesday 13 March 2019.

In relation to minute 104, concern was expressed regarding the length of time taken to resolve those issues listed particularly the cross hatching outside the Civic Centre and the lighting at Pepperhill roundabout.

The Director (Environment and Operations) advised that he would arrange for the Parking Services Manager to liaise with Kent Highways and Transportation regarding the above being actioned as soon as practicable.

The Chief Executive informed the Cabinet that Highways England propose to turn the unused lorry park near Nell's Cafe into a temporary base as they prepare to start preliminary works on the Lower Thames Crossing including surveys and ground investigation works along the proposed route.

Highways England will be writing to those residents living near to the site to let them know about the proposals.

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting ended at 7.44pm