

Cabinet

Monday, 27 June 2022

19:30pm

Present:

Cllr John Burden (Chair)
Cllr Lee Croxton (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Shane Mochrie-Cox
Lauren Sullivan
Narinderjit Singh Thandi
Jenny Wallace

Please note: Cllr Baljit Hayre was also in attendance.

Stuart Bobby Chief Executive
Sarah Parfitt Director (Corporate Services)
Simon Hookway Assistant Director (Communities)
Lisa Nyon Assistant Director (Corporate Services)
Mark Osborn Assistant Director (Housing Development & Enabling)
Ben Clarke Committee Services Officer (Minutes)

14. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lenny Rolles. Apologies were also received from the Director (Environment) & Deputy Chief Executive and the Director (Housing).

15. To sign the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on Monday, 30 May 2022 were signed by the Chair.

16. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17. Delegated Decisions - Cabinet Members

A statement of individual Cabinet Member decision was published on Wednesday, 22 June 2022; the decision was regarding the proposed disposal of 3 Camer Gardens, Meopham Kent.

The decision notice and reasoning for the decision could be found through the below link:

- <https://democracy.gravesham.gov.uk/documents/s71825/Proposed%20Disposal%20of%203%20Camer%20Gardens%20Meopham%20Kent.pdf>

18. Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Board held on Tuesday, 10 May 2022

The Cabinet were presented with the minutes of the Climate Change Advisory Board meeting held on Tuesday, 10 May 2022.

The Director (Corporate Services) drew Members attention to minute 11 of the supplementary report which advised that the meeting of Climate Change Advisory Board on 10 May 2022 recommended that Cabinet endorse Carbon Literacy Training for Members in key roles and Senior Officers, with general awareness training provided for all Members and Officers.

The Director (Corporate Services) advised that the supplementary report published with the minutes provided Members with further information on the Carbon Literacy training and its proposed rollout to Members/officers; the report also confirmed that the cost of the training could be met from existing budgets approved for the 2022/23 financial year.

Following a question from the Chair regarding the training's efficacy, the Director (Corporate Services) explained that herself, the Chief Executive and Cllr Gow had all previously attended the training and found it to be very worthwhile. Once key officers and Members had undertaken the training, it would be rolled out to the remaining Members in next year's Member Induction Programme.

The Cabinet endorsed the recommendation from the Climate Change Advisory Board meeting held on 10 May 2022 that Carbon Literacy Training for Members in key roles and Senior Officers be provided, with general awareness training provided for all Members and Officers.

19. General Fund Provisional Outturn Report 2021/22

The Cabinet were presented with:

- The 2021/22 provisional General Fund Outturn Report, including movements in the General Fund working balances and earmarked reserves
- The 2021/22 provisional General Fund Capital Outturn

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) drew Members attention to page 22 which held an executive summary of the report. The Cabinet noted that the provisional outturn position for the year was an underspend of £256,690

Members were also updated on other key areas of financial performance that may impact on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy, Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), or Financial Statements.

The Cabinet noted the report.

20. Housing Revenue Account Provisional Outturn 2021/22

The Cabinet were presented with:

- The 2021/22 provisional Housing Revenue Account Outturn, including movements in the Housing Revenue Account working balances and earmarked reserves
- The 2021/22 provisional Housing Revenue Account Capital Outturn

The Assistant Director (Corporate Services) drew Members attention to page 44 which held an executive summary of the report. The Cabinet noted that at the end of the financial year, income and expenditure for the year was balanced albeit with a contribution of £2.034m from reserves to fund revenue expenditure for the year.

Members were also updated on other key areas of financial performance that may impact on the Councils HRA Business Plan.

Cllr Wallace advised that:

- The number of days void properties had been empty had reduced and since year end had reduced even further
- With regards to 'Right to Buy', another twelve properties had been purchased and it was likely that more would be bought in the future

The Cabinet noted the report.

21. Exclusion

The Chair moved that pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from any items included in Part B of the agenda because it was likely in view of the nature of business to be transacted that if members of the public were present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

22. Future Financial Arrangements for The Charter Development

The Cabinet were provided with an update on the financial arrangements with Rosherville Property Development Ltd (RPDL) in relation to The Charter residential development.

The Chair advised that the report had been discussed at length and the Cabinet were fully aware of the financial requirements.

The Cabinet noted the report.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 19:44pm.