

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Hart (Chairman); Councillors Everitt, Fenner, D Green,
Johnston and Poole

In Attendance: Councillors Gideon, King, Watkins, Wells and Wise

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received at the meeting.

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

98. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OK

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

99. BUDGET MONITORING

Cabinet noted that the cessation of operations by Transeuropa would have a significant impact on the budget outturn. However the anticipated shortfall in the budget would be covered from service underspends. A realignment of the Council budget would need to be agreed by Cabinet in order to reflect the savings made to date and thereafter continued monitoring of the budget performance would have to be undertaken.

Councillor Wise and Councillor Wells spoke under Council Procedure Rule 24.1.

Councillor Everitt proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members agreed the following:

1. To note the projected outturn position for 2013/14 for the General Fund;
2. The budget realignments referred to in 2.4 of the Cabinet report , subject to approval by the Cabinet Member for Financial Services;
3. To note the current Housing Revenue Account position;
4. To approve the variations to the Capital Programme as detailed below:

Project	Current budget	Proposed slippage	Comment
	£	£	
Community Services			
Disabled Facilities Grants – TDC contribution	899,507	41,000	It is proposed to slip £41k into 2014/15

Swimming Pool/Sports Hall Essential Capital Repairs	50,000	50,000	This is currently unallocated so it is proposed to slip this to 2014/15
Operational Services			
Broadstairs Town Centre Properties	42,500	42,500	This is the agreed contribution to Pierremont Park project. The project is likely to slip to 2014/15
Dane Valley Estate - Fencing	25,032	25,032	This site is currently being reviewed by the Estates team. It is proposed to slip the project to 2014/15
Margate Cemetery Extension	140,000	100,000	It is proposed to slip part of this project relating to the car park extension to 2014/15 and review the associated funding
Public Conveniences	142,000	100,000	A review of toilet provision and condition is underway in advance of developing a structured investment programme for improvements. On this basis a proportion of the funding is being moved into the capital budget for 2014/15.
Ramsgate Marina Eastern Pontoons	125,000	125,000	The spend is still required in 2013/14 but will now be funded from the Maritime Reserve rather than capital receipts
Waste Transfer Station	216,522	216,522	This project is a DEFRA requirement but there is now a much wider review of waste depot provision being undertaken. It is therefore proposed to slip this to 2014/15. There is a sum of £28k within the capital project reserve to cover the re-build of the wall
	1,640,561	700,054	

100. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013 AND APPROPRIATE DELEGATIONS

The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013; was a new piece of legislation that would be coming into effect in October this year. The Act brought with it delegations to Local Authorities, that would see Thanet District Council being required to issue licences to scrap metal dealers, after applicants were cleared as fit and proper persons by the Police.

Councillor Fenner proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members agreed:

- 1 To recommend that Full Council delegates to the Licensing Board the power to; grant refuse, revoke or vary applications under the 2013 Scrap Metal Dealers Act where representations are to be made. Non-contentious applications without representations may be granted by the Regulatory Services Manager under delegated powers. Fees to be set by the Regulatory Services Manager in consultation with the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder and then agreed annually by Council.

101. ADOPTION OF A REVISED WASTE COLLECTION POLICY TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF NEW WASTE SERVICES FROM NOVEMBER 2013

Cabinet acknowledged the proposed suite of waste management and enforcement policies to support the November 2013 roll-out of a new recycling and waste collection service by Thanet District Council. The adoption of this new service was in accordance with the Council's commitment to the Five Way Inter Authority Agreement regarding the East Kent Joint Waste Project.

Councillor Wise spoke under Council Procedure Rule 24.1

Councillor Poole proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members agreed:

1. To adopt the Recycling and Waste Management Policies 1-12 and Enforcement Procedures and Guidelines attached in Annexes 1 and 2 to the report.

102. DESIGN FOR FUTURE CLIMATE CHANGE

Cabinet examined the findings of the Technology Strategy Board funded study, carried out by the Council on 'Design for Future Climate Change' on buildings in the Cliftonville West'. The study focused mostly on Victorian buildings.

Councillor Wells spoke under Council Procedure Rule 24.1

Councillor D. Green proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members accepted the report and agreed that its findings should be incorporated into the Dalby Square Townscape Heritage Initiative Action Plan and the Cliftonville West Design Code as appropriate.

103. ADOPTION OF THE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the Visit England principles; Thanet District Council had developed a Destination Management Plan. The Plan identified the key stages and elements that ought to be in place in order to make the plan effective and to increase the benefits derived from visitors to the Thanet area.

Councillor Wise spoke under Council Procedure Rule 24.1

Councillor Johnston proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Cabinet adopted the Destination Management Plan, attached in Annex 1 to the report and agreed that officers take forward its delivery.

104. BID FOR EMPTY HOMES FUNDING TO THE HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY

Following on the success of the Council's delivery of Round 1 of the Empty Homes Bid, the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) encouraged Thanet District Council to make an application for Round 2. Cabinet considered the match funding proposal that would enable Council to access the HCA grant funding.

Councillor Wells spoke under Council Procedure Rule 24.1

Councillor D. Green proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members agreed the following:

1. Bringing back 15 units of accommodation into use as affordable housing, utilising the £300,000 HCA grant funding and the £300,000 of HRA reserves;
2. That the purchase of the leases to empty properties and project management of the works be undertaken to bring them back into use and be delegated to officers and reported back to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder.

105. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT APRIL - JULY 2013

Cabinet would continue to receive report updates on the performance of the Corporate Plan 2012-16 in order to regularly review the performance of the Council as measured against what the Council had set itself to do.

Councillor Wise and Councillor Wells spoke under Council Procedure Rule 24.1

Councillor Fenner proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members noted the Council's performance and considered the remedial actions listed.

106. TRAVELLERS' PROTOCOL

Cabinet considered the new protocol for managing the establishment of encampments by Travellers.

Councillor Fenner proposed, Councillor C. Hart seconded and Members agreed to note the Protocol.

Meeting concluded: 8.05 pm