

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2018 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber - Council Offices.

Present: Councillor Wells (Chairman); Councillors L Fairbrass, Crow-Brown, Stummer-Schmertzling and Townend

In Attendance: Councillors Bayford, Game, I Gregory, Savage, Campbell, Connor, D Saunders, M Saunders and Shonk

487. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies by Cabinet Members made at the meeting.

488. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

489. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Lin Fairbrass proposed, Councillor Stummer-Schmertzling seconded and Members agreed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 16 January 2018.

490. BUDGET 2018-19 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018-22

The item was withdrawn from the agenda because there were no recommendations that came from the Overview & Scrutiny Panel regarding the budget proposals.

It was therefore no longer necessary to re-consider the item because Cabinet recommendations to Council made on 16 January 2018 remained unchanged.

491. ASSET DISPOSAL – COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY

Members were advised that the proposed policy provided a commitment to supporting neighbourhoods as it would create a transparent framework for decision making regarding the transfer of assets of a community value to community and voluntary organisations that work in Thanet. This would be in line with one of the council's corporate priorities on 'Supporting Neighbourhoods.'

The new policy would give structure to the assessment process of applications and would create a better understanding for all stakeholders who are interested in bidding for assets of community value, each time Council was considering the disposal of such assets.

Councillor Gregory and Councillor Savage spoke under Council Procedure Rule 20.1.

Councillor Townend proposed, Councillor Lin Fairbrass seconded and Cabinet agreed to adopt the Community Asset Policy 2018 – 2021.

492. PETITION REGARDING WESTERN UNDERCLIFF FACILITIES

Cabinet agreed that the facilities referred to in the petition had been closed for over 3 years and there was no realistic prospect of the council re-opening them. Therefore, whilst Members had sympathy with the objectives of the petitioners, there was no funding

to build or maintain toilets in the area. It was worth noting that there were alternative facilities located reasonably close to the beach that members of the public could access.

Councillor Campbell spoke under Council Procedure Rule 20.1.

Councillor Townend proposed, Councillor Stummer-Schmertzling seconded and Cabinet agreed to consider these comments as part of the strategic toilet review which is ongoing and will be presented to Cabinet in 2018.

Meeting concluded: 7.12 pm