

Cabinet

MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2024 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Richard Clewer (Chairman), Cllr Laura Mayes (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Ashley O'Neill and Cllr Tamara Reay

Also Present:

Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Robert Yuill and Cllr Robert MacNaughton

120 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

121 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2024 were presented.

Resolved:

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2024.

122 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

123 **Leader's Announcements**

There were no Leader announcements.

124 **Public Participation and Questions from Councillors**

Twenty general questions had been received for the meeting, which were provided in the published agenda supplement together with written responses, apart from two questions asked by Cllr Ian Thorn, that the Leader provided verbal responses to at the meeting, as follows:

- Cllr Ian Thorn

- Question 1 - How long can the administration refuse to engage with the Melksham News?
- Verbal Response – the Leader provided background and context to the matter raised by Cllr Thorn in relation to the advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders. The Leader explained that the Council was happy to engage with all media who displayed professional attitudes and provided balance in their reporting.
- Question 3 - Is it appropriate for the leader of the council to comment to the local press on the detail of an ongoing Wiltshire Council complaint?
- Verbal Response – the Leader reported that he had received a request from the press after the story had been published. He noted that proxy votes were not allowed and provided a generic comment with no specific detail.

Supplementary questions were received from:

- Cllr Ian Thorn, in relation to his first question asked what lessons the Council have learnt in this matter. The Leader noted that Council press releases are available for all media outlets, not all media requests can be responded to, and it was important to resolve the matter with Melksham News.
- Cllr Ian Thorn – Priestley Grove, Calne – Thanked the Director of Legal and Governance for his efforts to resolve the issues. Cllr Thorn asked what lessons the Council had learnt to ensure that relationships between Stone Circle and residents remains positive. The Leader reported that it was unfortunate that on occasions relationships break down, the Council is monitoring Stone Circle and the works being undertaken accord with their business plan. Cllr Alford referred to the response detailed in the supplementary agenda which indicated that the Chairman of Stone Circle met with local residents on site to explain the delay and agree further updates, the next being in January 2025.
- Cllr Ian Thorn in relation to his third question, suggested that the Leaders response about the ongoing complaint could have included detail about the role the Constitution plays in complaints. The Leader believed that as the Chairman of the Constitution Focus Group, his generic response was appropriate in the circumstances.

Cllr Jon Hubbard inquired if he could ask a question without notice on a general matter. The Leader referred to the process for asking questions at Cabinet and explained that questions must be submitted in writing by the Wednesday before the meeting on general matters not being considered by the Cabinet, to allow for responses to be prepared by officers. Questions on agenda items being

considered by the Cabinet did not require any notice, as set out on the agenda sheet. Cllr Hubbard did not accept this advice and left the meeting.

125 **Financial Year 2024/25 - Quarter Two Revenue Budget Monitoring**

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning, presented a report which provided details of the revenue budget monitoring forecast position for the second quarter of the financial year 2024/25. This was based on the position at the end of September 2024, updated on the known significant changes in October 2024. It also provided an update on the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and budget gap for future years.

Cllr Botterill reported a net overspend for the year of £0.861m, a significant improvement from the previous £8.284m reported in the previous quarter. He noted that the position would need continued focus to ensure mitigation action delivered the required result for the rest of the year, and he had a high level of confidence that a balanced budget would be achieved.

The Leader noted the latest budget position and additional pressures such as an increase in minimum wage and employer National Insurance contributions and welcomed the ongoing action to achieve a balanced budget.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee reported that the Committee would be considering the report in detail at their meeting on 27 November 2024. He also reported that the Financial Planning Task group met to consider the report on 15 November 2024 and considered issues relating to reducing the projected overspend, managing risk, Public Health budget, SEND transport and children in care. He indicated that the Task Group will suggest some areas that select committees might want to investigate further.

Cllr Gavin Grant, Vice-Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group, confirmed that the Task Group met on 15 November to consider the report. He thanked Cllr Botterill and officers for attending the meeting and providing clarification on a number of matters raised by the Task Group. He referred specifically to the pressures the Council may face on the Safety Valve agreement and the impact of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) deficit. He noted the need for an action plan to be in place to bring this back into a balanced budget.

The Leader reported that the new Government has recognised the issues in the DSG and had been heavily lobbied by the County Council Network. Additional funding has been made available for the SEN budget and there was an appetite to reform SEN although this would be a difficult process. He acknowledged that the figures in the Safety Valve agreement were challenging, and highlighted work was ongoing in relation to EHCP's and this area required further support. Cllr Laura Mayes, Deputy Leader reported that the EHCP assessment process is reviewed regularly and the key element for schools is inclusion, which more

and more schools are embracing, especially as this will be included as part of future Ofsted judgements.

Cllr Ian Thorn welcomed the reduction in net overspend for the year to £0.861m and congratulated Cllr Botterill and officers for their input in achieving this figure for current quarter. He commented on the Adult Services budget forecast overspend of £6.299m and asked about the mitigations in place. The Leader reported that Council's generally had experienced significant pressures in the adult and children's services budgets due to the complexities of the market the need for reform and consistency of care required, these issues were not as severe in Wiltshire as other Council areas. Cllr Botterill noted the cost pressure and felt that it could be managed within the overall budget for Adult Services. Officers gave detail about the mitigation in place to cover the overspend and explained that officers continue to work incredibly hard to make sure the needs of the vulnerable are met.

Cllr Thorn also commented on the (i) DSG Block summary which detailed the overall deficit of £14.942m, (ii) the Public Health Grant of £19.011m and the impact on services provided if it was reduced; and (iii) the impact of increased employers National Insurance contributions. Officers explained that the DSG Block deficit of £14.942m was part of the £66.233m balance carried forward for 2024/25 as detailed in table 13 of the report; The Leader reported that there was currently a Public Health reserve of £4.581m available and this would be drawn on if there was a reduction in grant, however he felt that a reduction in grant was unlikely; Cllr Botterill reported that the Government had informed Councils that they would be compensated in full for the impact of increases in employers National Insurance increases. The Leader highlighted his concern for Town and Parish Councils as the increase could have a major impact on their finances.

Cllr Adrian Foster asked for clarity in relation to Stone circle losses as the are not reported in the Council financial reports to Cabinet and the current financial figures would not be available until December 2024. The Leader noted the comments and reported that the finances of Stone Circle would be considered at the next Cabinet Shareholders Group meeting on 3 December 2024

Resolved:

Cabinet approves:

- a) **A new reserve for £0.680m is requested to facilitate early support and adviser activity for schools and families in future years.**

Cabinet notes:

- b) **the current revenue budget is forecast to overspend by £0.861m by the end of the financial year.**
- c) **the current forecast savings delivery performance for the year.**

- d) the forecast overspend on the HRA of £1.042m and the impact on the HRA reserve.
- e) The forecast overspend against Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budgets of £14.942m and the impact on the cumulative DSG deficit.
- f) The transfer from earmarked reserves;
 - i. £0.121m from the Leisure reserve to fund Virtual Studios
 - ii. £0.075m from Libraries reserve to fund Library pods and new windows
 - iii. £0.050m for Q2 Enforcement Activity from the Business Plan Priority reserve
 - iv. The use of £0.300m of earmarked reserves to enable Adults and Children's Services to undertake a feasibility study of potential sites for accommodation

Reason for Decision:

To inform effective decision making and ensure sound financial management as part of the Councils overall control environment. To inform Cabinet on the forecast revenue financial position of the Council for the financial year 2024/25 as at quarter two (30 September 2024), including delivery of approved savings for the year

126 **Financial Year 2024/25 - Quarter Two Capital Budget Monitoring**

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning, presented a report which provided details of the capital budget monitoring forecast for the second quarter of the financial year 2024/25, based on the position at the end of September 2024.

It was stated that the forecast of capital spending for the year stood at £226.355 as of 30 September 2024, once all the changes detailed in the report had been made. Whilst that level might not be reached due to the complexity of capital forecasting. Improvement continues to be made on the profiling of the programme, however more work is required to assess the profile of the programme better and it is critical that the programme better reflects the expected deliverability capacity and the external influences to this.

Cllr Botterill also clarified that much of the capital programme was grant funded from Government and third parties with no direct impact on revenue, and that the programme was focused on updating and modernising services such that delays would increase revenue costs.

The Leader welcomed the improvements in more realistic capital forecasting and the degree of consistency, noting that in previous years the programme

may have been more aspirational. He highlighted that the total capital expenditure as at quarter two is £67.931m about 30% of the revised annual capital programme.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee reported that the Committee would be considering the report in detail at their meeting on 27 November 2024. He also mentioned that the Financial Planning Task group met to consider the report on 15 November 2024.

Cllr Gavin Grant, Vice-Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group, confirmed that the Task Group met on 15 November to consider the report. It was acknowledged that there would always be slippage in the programme which in most cases was outside the control of the Council and thanked officers for their excellent work in managing the Capital Budget. He indicated that there was optimism bias – a view that more can be achieved than evidence suggests is being achieved. He commented on the Capital Programme funding for 2024/25 in particular the borrowing element of £54.788m. A concern to the Task Group if Capital schemes slip to later years and the interest bearing costs flow through to the following year. Cllr Botterill thanked Cllr Grant for a point well made. He explained that the borrowing figure would only be realised if all Capital schemes were undertaken during the year. Officers confirmed that the borrowing figure depended on factors such as slippage of schemes and their impact on the need for borrowing. These details would be taken on board for future reporting to Cabinet.

Resolved:

Cabinet is asked to approve:

- a) the virement from Early Years and Childcare (£0.021m) and Schools Maintenance and Modernisation (£0.004m) to support additional works required through Access and Inclusion;**
- b) the virement of £0.109m from Fleet Vehicles to Waste to facilitate improved financial oversight of waste vehicle purchases;**
- c) the removal of £1.370m grant funding from the HUG 2 programme as agreed with the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ);**
- d) The grant income applied for and/or received as set out in Appendix C and Appendix D.**

Cabinet is asked to note:

- e) The additional budgets added to the programme of £13.342m under Chief Finance Officer delegated powers;**

- f) the removal of £1.370m budget under Chief Finance Officer delegated powers;
- g) the end of year 2023/24 budget adjustment of £0.077m;
- h) the budgets brought forward from future years into the 2024/25 programme totalling £4.886m under Chief Finance Officer delegated powers;
- i) the budgets reprogrammed from 2024/25 into future years totalling £16.301m under Chief Finance Officer delegated powers;
- j) Budget Movements between Schemes as detailed in Appendix A;
- k) the revised 2024/25 Capital Programme forecast as at quarter two of £226.355m;
- l) the capital spend as of 30 June 2024 of £67.931m
- m) the use of £0.300m of earmarked reserves to enable Adults and Children's Services to undertake a feasibility study of potential sites for accommodation

Reason for Decision:

To inform effective decision making and ensure sound financial management as part of the Councils overall control environment.

To inform Cabinet on the financial position of the Council on the 2024/25 capital programme as at quarter two (30 September 2024).

127 **Mid Year Treasury Management Review 2024/25**

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management and Strategic Planning presented the half year report on the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25, as adopted by Full Council on 20 February 2024, covering the period 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024.

It was stated the council had not taken out any new long term borrowing (loans) during 2024/25, but some may be taken towards the end of the financial year, to unwind some of the Council's under-borrowed position. The Council has not exceeded any of its prudential indicators for the half year.

One public question was received for the meeting and this was included in the published agenda supplement together with written responses prior to this meeting.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee reported that the Committee would be considering the report on 27

November 2024. He also reported that the Financial Planning Task Group considered the report on 15 November 2024 and were reassured that the Council were not being exposed to any risks. The Management Committee would be meeting on 2 December 2024 to consider further how they undertake their scrutiny function of Council finances.

Cllr Gavin Grant, Vice-Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group, emphasised the need to allow for adequate review of the treasury management report. He explained there were a number of factors that prevented this from taking place on this occasion. The Task Group were satisfied about the security on previous Wiltshire loans and noted the Governments moves in relation to the potential for future investment of Local Government Pension Scheme funds.

The Leader reported that it was clear that the Government was looking at a preference for combined authorities with an area of over 1.5m people and a Mayoral system with oversight of LEP funding. He indicated that he was not in favour of the Mayoral system but recognised that the Council would have to reluctantly embrace this system sooner rather than later.

Councillor Ian Thorn commented on the opportunity to discuss a Select Committee to cover financial issues, and he aligned with the Leaders views on the Mayoral system.

Resolved:

Cabinet approves:

- a) **the amendments to the Third Party Loans Policy (paragraphs 13-16 and Appendix 3).**

Cabinet notes:

- b) **that the contents of this report are in line with the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25.**
- c) **the performance of the Council's investments and borrowings against the parameters set out in the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2024/25**

Reason for Decision:

To give members an opportunity to consider the performance of the Council in the period to 30 September 2024 against the parameters set out in the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2024/25.

128 **Performance and Risk Report 2024-25 Quarter Two**

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, presented a report providing an update on the progress against the stated missions in the Council's Business

Plan 2022-2032 using measures of performance available at the end of the second quarter of the financial year.

The Leader reported that the numbers of affordable housing for quarter 2 were down from the previous quarter due to an overall downturn in the market, which impacts the delivery from housebuilders. There was also a delay in the delivery of some affordable housing units due to the need for phosphate mitigation.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, reported that the Management Committee would be considering the report on 27 November 2024.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, commented on (i) the measure for EHCP's issued within 20 weeks on time with no exceptions and the impact on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Safety Valve; Cllr Laura Mayes, Deputy Leader explained that the 20 week timescale is a statutory figure and although the intention is to meet this deadline, it is not always possible support is tailored to each child as an individual. The Leader and Cllr Davies repeated that the assessment timescales are an aspiration, and it should not be at the cost to the child being assessed and DSG funding is not impacted by this; (ii) reduced performance in relation to anti-social behaviour cases resolved within 60 days; The Leader reported that there were a number of complex ASB cases this quarter requiring multiagency responses. The Team has been operating on reduced resource as recruitment to a vacancy has proven unsuccessful; Cllr Muns referred to a PSPO addressing a serious ASB case in Devizes and PSPO's are not about just moving young people on from an area; and (iii) the reduction in uptake of NHS health checks. The Leader referred to the invitation letters sent to appropriate people and he has raised the issue with the Integrated Care Board and will pursue a response to this question.

Cllr Gavin Grant commented on the overall educational outcomes measure for KS4 and the reason why the report refers to 2023 rather than 2024. Officers explained that the measures for 2023/24 were not available for this quarter but that these would be updated for future quarters reporting.

Cllr Adrian Foster referred to a question asked at Full Council by Cllr Hubbard that had not received a response to date about the type of homes and ratios of number of bedrooms being purchased by Stone Circle; The Leader confirmed that the response would be sought, and a response would be forwarded as soon as possible. The Leader explained that housing needs surveys were undertaken in rural areas although these did not really identify the housing need as this can change regularly. He noted that 2 bedroom homes currently had the largest demand. Cllr Phil Alford agreed to source responses to the questions raised by Cllr Foster.

Cllr Richard Budden commented on the Council's carbon emissions and welcomed the dashboard, however he was concerned about the lack of information about scope 3 emissions not being recorded. Cllr Budden accepted that it was sometimes difficult to gather the data he had requested, and he indicated that a similar request had been raised at Cabinet around November

2023. Cllr Dominic Muns reported that this matter was raised at a recent Environment Select Committee and officers agreed to source the information requested by Cllr Budden, although it was indicated at the time that gathering the information may take a while, Cllr Muns had been copied into an email from officers to Cllr Budden with the requested information.

Resolved:

Cabinet notes and agrees:

- 1) Performance against the selected measures mapped to the Council's strategic priorities.**
- 2) The Strategic Risk Summary.**

Reason for Decision:

To provide Cabinet with a quarterly update on measures used to monitor progress against the 10 missions laid out in Wiltshire Council's Business Plan 2022-32.

To provide Cabinet with a quarterly update on the Council's strategic risks and the current position of threats, and potential threats, the Council faces in delivering its services, responsibilities and ambitions.

129 **Local Transport Plan**

Cllr Tamara Reay, Cabinet member for Transport and Assets presented a report seeking endorsement of the draft Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP4) 2025-2038 and publish it for consultation.

Cllr Reay explained that the LTP4 is a statutory document covering the period from 2025 to 2038 setting out the Council's strategic objectives and policies. The implementation and delivery of policies in the document will contribute to maximising opportunities and tackling the challenges currently facing Wiltshire.

Cabinet noted that LTP4 shows a commitment from the Council to take action to deliver wide-ranging improvements for cleaner, healthier and safer transport across the county, particularly challenging in a rural county where many residents are reliant on the private car for a wide range of journeys. It has been developed to meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors, seeking to balance a range of competing and sometimes conflicting objectives, whilst at the same time remaining ambitious about the contribution transport in Wiltshire can make to national and regional objectives.

Six public questions were received for the meeting and these were included in the published agenda supplement together with written responses prior to this meeting.

Supplementary questions were received from:

- Colin Gale asked if there was likely to be an announcement about the LTP4 consultation at the Pewsey Area Board meeting on 25 November 2024. Cllr Reay explained that an announcement would be made at that meeting, this was confirmed by Cllr Kunkler, Chairman of the Pewsey Area Board.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Climate Emergency Task Group, reported that he was disappointed that the Task Group had not been invited to comment on the draft LTP4 prior to considering it on 14 November 2024.

Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Chairman of the Environment Select Committee reported that the Select Committee will consider the draft LTP4 at their meeting on 14 January 2025, although he was disappointed that the Select Committee had not considered the document earlier.

The Leader highlighted that the draft LTP4 document will continue to evolve over the coming months, taking into account comments raised during the consultation. He acknowledged the points raised by Cllr Wright and Cllr Kunkler about the need for earlier consultation with the Task Group and Select Committee. Cllr Reay confirmed that input from both the Task Group and Select Committee is very important and their input during the coming months is valued and welcomed.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, welcomed the report and looking forward to the outcome of the consultation process being reported back to a future Cabinet meeting, especially taking into account the role of Area Boards in providing information about the consultation, timescales and how all residents would be informed of the consultation. He indicated that the LTP4 required a very specific delivery due to the rural nature of the county. Cllr Reay confirmed that the consultation had been extended by a couple of weeks taking into account the Christmas period, that all 18 Area Board will receive information about the consultation and how residents will be engaged in the process, and the role of the Communications Team in reaching out to all residents.

Cllr Budden welcome the proposals and commented on the consultation process, including information at Area Board meetings, Parish and Town Council input and the need to increase the consultation timescale by at least one month. Cllr Reay confirmed that Parish and Town Councils will receive information about the consultation and have the ability to respond within the current timescales. The Leader reminded members that larger settlements had different challenges and opportunities that don't exist in smaller villages.

Cllr Foster suggested that a strategic car parking plan is essential and should be included in the LTP4. He highlighted that some residents living in rural communities don't drive and rely heavily on public transport. Cllr Reay explained that issues relating to parking would be considered in more detail

during the production of delivery plans, and mentioned the success of DRT in the Pewsey Vale area and the potential to target other areas in the County..

Cllr Jackson also referred to the success of DRT in the Pewsey Vale and the potential for it to be rolled out more widely. He also highlighted the important role of volunteer drivers, the use of taxi vouchers in the delivery of public transport and the cost of bus stops. Cllr Reay confirmed that the Climate Emergency Task Group and Environment Select Committee would be consulted further on the LTP4 following the public consultation.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

- 1) Endorses the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4) 2025 – 2038;**
- 2) Authorises the Director of Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Assets, to formally consult on LTP4 for a period of at least 6 weeks;**
- 3) Delegates authority to the Director of Highways and Transport, in consultation with Director for Legal and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Assets, to make any necessary minor changes to the document before it is published for consultation in October 2024;**
- 4) Notes that following assessment of all feedback from the formal consultation a final draft of the LTP4 will be presented to Cabinet for adoption.**

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Council continues to make progress in updating LTP4, aligned to the Local Plan Review.

130 Future Waste Collection Service Design

Cllr Dominic Muns, Cabinet member for Waste and Environment presented a report seeking approval for a change in kerbside recycling collection method based on the modelled outcomes, for implementation by 2028, following statutory introduction of food and flexible plastics collection by 2027. In addition, to advise of changes needed for the Materials Recovery Facility services following decisions on service design.

Cllr Muns explained that the report summarised the outcome of technical modelling commissioned to examine the impacts of the introduction of separate collections of food waste collections and adding flexible plastics to current collection services, as required by law from 2027, and recommends further changes alongside these to ensure best value and improve service performance. The assessments demonstrate that making changes to the

Council's current recycling collection scheme can provide service cost mitigation. Ensuring the council delivers 'efficient and effective' recycling collection services in the context of new government funding schemes and that it contributes to a reduction in carbon emissions.

Cabinet noted that a decision on recycling collection methodology was necessary and welcomed the proposals detailed in the report.

Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Chairman of the Environment Select Committee reported that he and the Vice-Chairman of the Environment Select Committee received a briefing on the Future Waste Collection Service Design on 13 November. Cllr Kunkler noted that this is a complex decision with a number of variables to consider. He highlighted a number of issues that were discussed during the briefing and commended the Officers, the Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for amount of research and thought gone into this service design. This gave him reassurance that an informed decision based upon all the available evidence can be made.

Cllr Martin Smith, on behalf of Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, welcomed the proposals and expressed support for the direction of travel. He commented on recycling rates and whether they were likely to be more ambitious than those detailed in the report, achieving performance standards, and flexibility in future contracts. Cllr Muns explained that the proposals were the next step in a long journey for recycling and that officers would continue to monitor recycling rate performance and make improvements where necessary. Cllr Muns conveyed a confidence in officers negotiating contracts with flexibility built in.

Cllr Budden welcome the proposals and their direction of travel, and commented on performance remaining below industry standards, potential push-back from residents accepting additional bins, and questioned the figures detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

Resolved:

Cabinet approves:

- 1) The adoption of a Three Stream recycling collection service during the next contract period, with Wiltshire residents to be provided with an additional recycling container to allow paper and cardboard to be kept separate from mixed dry recyclables and glass at the point of collection; and**
- 2) The delegation of the progression of options relating to the future Material Recovery Facility service to the Director for Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Waste and Environment, in consultation with the Waste Transformation Programme Board.**

Reasons for Decision:

The recommended future waste collection service design follows intensive work to model a range of potential options and compare their environmental and financial performance, and account for the provision of new statutory services to comply with requirements under the Environment Act 2021. The Three Stream recycling collection method (Option 2) delivers compelling financial and environmental performance outcomes and can be supported by existing infrastructure. The proposed future collection method also limits the direct impact on residents and provides an opportunity for a significant reduction in carbon emissions.

131 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

132 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved:

To agree that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Item Numbers 14 and 15 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

Paragraph 3 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

133 **Future Waste Collection Service Design**

The Cabinet noted the exempt information contained in Appendix 4 of the Future Waste Collection Service Design report about the impact on the Waste Services Delivery Plan.

Resolved:

That the exempt information detailed in Appendix 4 be noted.

Reason for Decision:

The recommended future waste collection service design follows intensive work to model a range of potential options and compare their environmental and financial performance, and account for the provision of new statutory services to comply with requirements under the Environment Act 2021. The Three Stream recycling collection method (Option 2) delivers compelling financial and environmental performance outcomes and can be supported by existing infrastructure. The proposed future collection method also limits the direct impact on residents and provides an opportunity for a significant reduction in carbon emissions.

134 **Future Commissioning of Care Homes**

Cllr Jane Davies, Cabinet member for Adult Social Care, SEND and Inclusion presented a report which outlined proposals for commissioning care homes for the next 5 to 10 years.

Resolved:

That the proposals detailed in the Part II report be approved.

Reasons for Decision:

That the reasons for the decisions made detailed in the Part II report be noted.

(Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 1.55 pm)

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