

CABINET
4TH JUNE 2020

PRESENT: The Leader (Councillor Morgan)
The Deputy Leader (Councillor Barkley)
Councillors Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer,
Poland, Rollings, Smidowicz and Taylor

Councillor Rattray

Chief Executive
Strategic Director of Corporate Services
Strategic Director of Housing, Planning,
Regeneration and Regulatory Services
Democratic Services Manager
Head of Neighbourhood Services
Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces
Head of Leisure and Culture
Community Safety Manager
Leisure Centre and Contract Business Manager
Information Development Manager
Democratic Services Officer (LS)

APOLOGIES: None

The Leader stated that this virtual meeting was being livestreamed as a public meeting and would also be recorded and the recording subsequently made available via the Council's website. He also advised that, under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Councillor Harper-Davies declared a personal interest in item 10 on the agenda (Leisure Centre Contract), she held a membership at Soar Valley Leisure Centre.

Councillor Barkley declared a personal interest in item 10 on the agenda (Leisure Centre Contract), he held a membership at South Charnwood Leisure Centre.

3. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

4. **QUESTIONS UNDER CABINET PROCEDURE 10.7**

No questions had been submitted.

5. **COVID-19 - CHARNWOOD APPROACH TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND ORGANISATIONAL RECOVERY**

Considered, a report of the Chief Executive to consider the Council's approach to community, economic and organisational recovery following the Covid-19 pandemic (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

Councillor Rattray, Chair of the Scrutiny Commission, presented a report setting out the Commission's pre-decision scrutiny of the matter and recommendation (copy filed with these minutes).

The Chief Executive, the Strategic Director of Corporate Services and the Strategic Director of Housing, Planning, Regeneration and Regulatory Services assisted with consideration of the report.

The Chief Executive wished to record his thanks to officers, councillors, volunteers and partners for their response to the pandemic.

Further to the Scrutiny Commission's request that the Council's objective to communicate and engage with local businesses be made the first point in the 'Backing Our Businesses' section of the report, the Chief Executive confirmed that this amendment could be made under the delegated authority set out in resolution 2, below.

Corrections could also be made to ensure that the report correctly identified whether the data set out related to cases or deaths (reference paragraph 2 on agenda page 12).

RESOLVED

1. that Cabinet approves the proposed approach by which the Council will lead and support its communities and businesses, and how it will itself adapt to facilitate this (the Council's approach to recovery), as set out at Part B of the report of the Chief Executive;
2. that Cabinet delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to create and amend detailed action plans as required;
3. that Cabinet notes the implications of the pandemic and proposed approach to recovery on the extant Corporate Strategy, Corporate Delivery Plan, Budgets and similar, and on the actions required to implement these.
4. that the report of the Scrutiny Commission be noted.

Reasons

1. To provide clarity for the Council's future actions in supporting recovery and offering transparency and visibility of this to members, partner organisations, and wider community and business stakeholders across the Borough.
2. To provide a structured way to deal with the response to the pandemic and to ensure that actions take account of up to date government advice.
3. To ensure that the likely changes in content and timing are understood, and that stakeholder expectations can be managed.
4. To acknowledge the work undertaken by and the views of the Scrutiny Commission.

6. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN CENTRE

Considered, a report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to go out to consultation on extending the Public Spaces Protection Order for Loughborough Town Centre (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Neighbourhood Services and the Community Safety Manager assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED that approval is given to go out to consultation regarding the extension of the current PSPO for Loughborough Town Centre, prior to a further report coming back to Cabinet in September 2020.

Reason

To enable the consultation to take place prior to Cabinet making the final decision on whether to extend the current PSPO for Loughborough Town Centre.

7. BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS - REVIEW OF INTRODUCTION OF CHARGES

Considered, a report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces to review the introduction (in October 2019) of charges for all bulky waste collections (item 8 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED that the content of the report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces be noted.

Reason

To keep Cabinet informed on the progress of this service since the charges were introduced.

8. EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED that members of the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Information Development Manager confirmed that the meeting was no longer being livestreamed or recorded via Zoom.

9. **LEISURE CENTRE CONTRACT**

Considered, an exempt report of the Head of Leisure and Culture to consider providing financial support to the Leisure Centre Contractor during the current Covid-19 pandemic to support ongoing hibernation (item 10 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

Councillor Rattray, Chair of the Scrutiny Commission, presented an exempt report detailing the Commission's pre-decision scrutiny of the matter and recommendation (copy filed with these minutes).

The Scrutiny Commission was thanked for its useful pre-decision scrutiny work, both in respect of this item and item 6 considered earlier in the meeting. The views of the Commission were always considered as part of the Cabinet's decision-making process.

The Head of Leisure and Culture and the Leisure Centre and Contract Business Manager assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that decisions be made as detailed in the exempt minute (Cabinet Minute 9E 2020/21);
2. that the exempt report of the Scrutiny Commission be noted.

Reasons

1. As set out in the exempt minute (Cabinet Minute 9E 2020/21).
2. To acknowledge the work undertaken by and the views of the Scrutiny Commission.

NOTES:

1. The decisions in these minutes not in the form of recommendations to Council will come into effect at noon on 12th June 2020 unless called in under Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 11.7. Decisions in the form of recommendations to Council are not subject to call in.

2. No reference may be made to these minutes at the next available Ordinary Council meeting unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on 12th June 2020.
3. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Cabinet.