

Minutes of the **Cabinet**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover,
Hampshire, SP10 3AJ
on 12 June 2019 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor P North (Chairman)

Councillor N Adams-King (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor P Bundy
Councillor D Drew
Councillor M Flood

Councillor T Preston
Councillor A Ward

Also in attendance

Councillor I Andersen
Councillor T Burley

Councillor M Cooper
Councillor I Jeffrey

Apologies were received from Councillor A Johnston

51 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

52 Housing Strategy Annual Progress Report 2018-2019

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing and Environmental Health Portfolio Holder which presented Housing Strategy 2016-2019 which had been updated to take into account the progress achieved in 2018/19 and over the lifetime of the plan.

It was noted that during 2019/20, the Housing Service would develop a new Housing Strategy for Test Valley with the intention of setting out plans for housing services in the borough from 2020 onwards.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

That the Housing Strategy 2016 – 2019 Action Plan Update as shown in the annex to the report, be approved.

**53 North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Management Plan 2019 - 2024**

Consideration was given to the report of the Planning Portfolio Holder which presented the revised North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan which had been updated following consultation to cover the period 2019-2024.

The North Wessex Downs AONB was designated in 1972, it was the third largest AONB in England and covered a significant area of Test Valley to the north of Andover.

The management plan provided a valuable assessment of AONB-wide key issues of importance and identified the objectives and policies to protect and enhance the nationally important landscape

All constituent local authorities within the designated area are required to adopt the management plan which will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for approval.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

That the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019 – 2024 (Annex to the report), in accordance with the duty under Section 89 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, be adopted.

**54 Introduction of Debit/Credit Card and Contactless Payment
Methods for Parking Tickets**

Consideration was given to the report of the Planning Portfolio Holder which set out options for the introduction of debit/credit card and contactless payment methods for the purchase of pay and display parking tickets in Council car parks.

It was noted that the ability to pay by credit/debit card or other contactless methods was now part of many people's everyday lives. Cash transactions in general have been in decline over the last few years and a large proportion of customers now expected to be able to pay for services via non-cash methods.

It was anticipated that expanding the methods of payment could encourage customers to stay longer in car parks. By using card and contactless payment methods, customers would be able to choose how long they would like to park for with more ease.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended:

1. **The Council replace its cash only pay and display ticket machines with new ticket machines capable of accepting debit/credit card and contactless payment methods in addition to cash, as set out in Option 2 at a total cost as set out in Exempt Annex 4 to the report.**
2. **That the Head of Estates and Economic Development in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder be authorised to take such steps as necessary to implement Option 2.**
3. **That funds to cover the cost of the contract (as set out in Exempt Annex 4) be allocated from the New Homes Bonus Reserve for the purchase and installation of 43 replacement pay and display ticket machines.**

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Member Champions

Consideration was given to the report of the Leader which set out proposals for the appointment of Member Champion roles for 2019/20.

The role of a Member Champion was to act in an advisory capacity to Cabinet in respect of specific areas of responsibility and, in particular, in the development of ideas that would help deliver the aims of the Council's Corporate Plan and Corporate Action Plan. The introduction of Member Champions in 2017 had resulted in greater member involvement in policy development.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

That Member Champions be appointed to the following roles for 2019/20:-

- **Armed Forces – Councillor Borg-Neal**
- **Community Safety and Resilience – Councillor Phil Lashbrook**
- **Culture and Heritage – Councillor Baverstock**
- **Equality and Diversity – Councillor Hamilton**
- **Member Development/Community Councillor Role – Councillor Donnelly**
- **Voluntary and Third Sector – Councillor Andersen**

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Exclusion of the public

Resolved:

That, pursuant to Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the

following report on the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, indicated below. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information for the reason given below:

Valley Housing Outturn and Business Plan Update

It is considered that this report contains exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. It is further considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the information relates to the financial or business affairs of both the Council and third parties.

57 Valley Housing Outturn and Business Plan Update

Consideration was given to the activities of Valley Housing Ltd in 2018/19 and the updated business plan for 2019/20 to 2021/22.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

- 1. That the Directors' annual report, as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be noted.**
- 2. That the updated Business Plan for 2019/20 to 2021/22, as shown in Annex 2 to the report, be approved.**

(The meeting terminated at 5.56 pm)