

Minutes of the **Cabinet**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in The Annexe, Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road,
Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 8GL
on 3 April 2024 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 A Johnston
Councillor N Lodge
Councillor T Swain

Also in attendance

Councillor J Burnage
Councillor M Cooper
Councillor Daas

Councillor Dunleavey
Councillor Gwynne

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Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

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Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

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Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 February 2024 were proposed by Councillor North and seconded by Councillor Adams-King.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

527 Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

There were no recommendations to consider from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

528 Economic Development Strategy 2024 - 2029

Consideration was given to a report of the Leader and Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships (North) Portfolio Holder which presented the draft economic Development Strategy 2024-2029.

The Strategy set out the key six priority areas which had been identified following the development of a robust socio-economic evidence base and local engagement. The priority areas identified were supported by measurable actions in order to support the delivery of economic functions over the next five years.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, the recommendations were proposed by Councillor North, seconded by Councillor Adams-King and Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

- 1. That the Economic Development Strategy 2024 – 2029, shown at the Annex to the report, be approved.**
- 2. That the Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to make minor amendments to the Annex to the report.**

529 Net Zero Carbon Advice Note

Consideration was given to a report of the Planning and the Climate Emergency and Countryside Portfolio Holders which set out a Net Zero Carbon Advice Note.

The advice note was based on a Net Zero Carbon toolkit and would provide a resource to inform building professionals on how to achieve net zero carbon in relation to housing for both new buildings and retrofit of existing homes.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, the recommendations were proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor North and Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

- 1. That the Net Zero Carbon Advice Note, attached at the Annex to the report, be approved.**

- 2. That the Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development be given delegated authority to make changes of a minor nature prior to publication.**

530 **Corporate Action Plan: Year two Update**

Consideration was given to a report of the Leader which presented the Corporate Action Plan 2023-27 – year two.

The Corporate Action Plan set out details of major projects to be taken forward in pursuit of the Council's priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan – A Place for Everyone – supporting our communities to thrive. Eleven projects were included in the action plan with monitoring being undertaken through the Council's performance management framework.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, the recommendations were proposed by Councillor North, seconded by Councillor Adams-King and Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

That the Corporate Action Plan 2023-27 (year two) be approved.

531 **Allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funds - Community Projects Reserve**

Consideration was given to a report of the Planning Portfolio Holder which set out a summary of the bids received during the most recent round of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) bidding.

Four projects were submitted which were evaluated against the CIL Bid Assessment Protocol. Each of the projects were evaluated with recommendations for funding proposed for Picket Piece Village Hall Extension, Ampfield Recreation Ground Cricket Training Facilities, Broughton Sports Pavilion Additional Funding and Wellow Men's Shed.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, the recommendations were proposed by Councillor Bundy, seconded by Councillor North and Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended to Council:

- 1. That £467,910 be allocated to the following projects, as set out in section 3 of the report:**
 - Picket Piece Village Hall Extension - £245,000**
 - Ampfield Recreation Ground Cricket Training Facilities – £46,639**
 - Broughton Sports Pavilion Additional Funding – £100,000**

- **Wellow Men's Shed – £76,271**

2. **That the projects identified in recommendation 1, be added to the Council's Capital Programme, to be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy Community Projects Reserve.**

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Exclusion of the Public

The recommendation was proposed by Councillor North and seconded by Councillor Adams-King.

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 Matters

Paragraph 3

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.

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Valley Housing Matters

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder which considered the Business Plan for Valley Housing Ltd.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, the recommendations were proposed by Councillor Flood, seconded by Councillor North and Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

That the Valley Housing Ltd Business Plan, attached in the Annex to the report, be approved.

(The meeting terminated at 6.20 pm)