



Cabinet

Minutes of a meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park,
Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ on Wednesday, 4 May 2016.

Present:

Robert Gould (Chairman)
Robin Cook, Deborah Croney, Jill Haynes and Rebecca Knox.

Members Attending:

Paul Kimber, County Councillor for Portland Tophill
Daryl Turner, County Councillor for Marshwood Vale

Officers Attending:

Debbie Ward (Chief Executive), Richard Bates (Chief Financial Officer), Catherine Driscoll (Director for Adult and Community Services), Patrick Ellis (Assistant Chief Executive), Mike Harries (Director for Environment and the Economy), Jonathan Mair (Monitoring Officer), Sara Tough (Director for Children's Services) and Lee Gallagher (Democratic Services Manager).

- (Notes:(1) In accordance with Rule 16(b) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules the decisions set out in these minutes will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days after the publication date.
Publication Date: **Tuesday, 10 May 2016.**
- (2) These minutes have been prepared by officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the Cabinet to be held on **Wednesday, 25 May 2016.**)

Apologies for Absence

75 Apologies for absence were received from Peter Finney, Colin Jamieson and Nicky Cleave (Assistant Director of Public Health).

The Leader of the Council took the opportunity to welcome Cllr Deborah Croney to her first Cabinet meeting as the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills.

Code of Conduct

76 There were no declarations by members of disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct.

Minutes

77 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2016 were confirmed and signed.

Matter Arising

Minute 70 - Schools Library Service

A question was asked in relation to the future of school libraries and communications with the general public. It was confirmed that there had been communications and extensive consultation with the public in relation to school libraries which was the main reason for deferring the original consideration of the issue before the decision was made at the last meeting.

Public Participation

78 Public Speaking

There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(1).

There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(2).

Petitions

There were no petitions received at the meeting in accordance with the County Council's Petition Scheme.

Cabinet Forward Plan

79 The Cabinet considered the draft Forward Plan, which identified key decisions to be taken by the Cabinet on or after the next meeting. It was noted that efforts were being made to include more detail in the Forward Plan and a suggestion was made to add an additional column to the plan to identify the lead officer for each item.

Resolved

1. That the draft Forward plan be noted.
2. That an additional column be added to the Forward Plan to identify the lead officer for each item.

Panels and Boards

80 The Cabinet received the minutes of the meeting of the Budget Strategy Task and Finish Group held on 20 April 2016. The Leader of the Council explained that the first meeting was used to set the scene in relation to budget planning assumptions, future savings, growth and targets leading towards budget decisions to be made later in the year. The Group would also be used as a forum to consider additional savings suggested by members and feedback accordingly. Further detail would be considered at the next meeting on 17 May 2016.

Noted

Questions from County Councillors

81 No questions were received from County Councillors.

Exempt Business

82 Resolved

That in accordance with Section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 public be excluded from the meeting in relation to the business specified in minute 83 as it was likely that if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne - Position Statement

83 The Cabinet considered a joint exempt report by the Cabinet Member for Organisational Development and Transformation and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Highways in relation to the project to replace the Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne.

Members were provided a detailed update in relation to the project following previous consideration at the Cabinet meeting held on 13 April 2016.

Resolved

That the recommendation be approved, as detailed within the exempt version of this minute.

Reason for Decision

Approval of the recommendation would enable action to be taken, as detailed within the exempt report.

Dr Catherine Driscoll - Director for Adult and Community Services

At the end of the meeting the Cabinet took the opportunity to thank Catherine Driscoll for all of her efforts and significant achievements and transformation that she had led in her role as Director for Adult and Community Services and wished her every success in the future in her new role.

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 11.45 am