



CABINET



18TH MARCH 2020

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

Publication Date of this Notice: - Thursday, 19th March 2020.

Deadline Date for Call-in of any decision: - 8.45 a.m. Thursday, 26th March 2020 up to that deadline the Chief Executive shall call-in a decision for scrutiny except for matters of urgent business if so, requested by the Chairman or any three Members of the Scrutiny Committee. (During the current public health emergency standard practice for any urgent business item will be applied to a request for Call In.) If there is no call-in the decision will come into force on that deadline.

PART I

(Business taken in public)

Agenda Item 2 (Minute No. 85) – Members’ Interests:

No declarations were made.

Agenda Item 3 (Minute No. 86) – Minutes

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19.2.2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Agenda Item 4 (Minute No. 87) – Forward Plan

To comply with regulations under the Localism Act 2011, the Leader presented a revised Forward Plan to the meeting which outlined key decisions likely to be taken within the next quarter of 2020. The Plan is reviewed each month.

Resolved – To note and approve the Forward Plan.

HEALTH & COMMUNITY SAFETY

No matters

ENVIRONMENT

No matters

HOUSING AND REGENERATION

Agenda Item 7(a) (Minute No. 88) – Procurement of a New Housing Management System

Cabinet considered a report providing an update on plans to replace the old existing housing management system with a new offsite hosted system. Cabinet was also requested to give authority to proceed with the procurement of a new housing management system. The report described the robust arrangements to procure the new system and the outcome.

Resolved:

To approve the award of a new housing management system, to Civica CX based on the assessment detailed in section 5 of this report.

Agenda Item 7(b) (Minute No. 89) – Removal of Telephone Boxes

Cabinet considered a report on the submitted responses to the recent Stage 1 consultation in respect of the removal of 12 telephone boxes (PCB) from the Borough and was asked to approve the Council's response.

Cabinet noted that a comprehensive analysis had been undertaken and with the exception of the kiosk at the Monico Public House it was recommended that no objection is raised to the removal of the telephone boxes

Resolved:

That with the exception of the PCB provided adjacent to the Monico Public House, Eastern Esplanade, Canvey Island, no objection be raised to the removal of the identified PCB.

An objection is raised to the removal of the PCB provided adjacent to the Monico Public House, Eastern Esplanade, Canvey Island, for the following reasons:

1. The site is located in close proximity to the sea defences and adjacent publicly accessible coastal area (which is not directly supported by lifeguards or similar safety measures) and is considered necessary to ensure the opportunity to summon assistance in the event of an emergency.
2. The site is at the heart of the Canvey Island Seafront Entertainment Area which supports a robust seafront and night time economy which would benefit from the presence of a PCB.
3. In reaching these recommendations the Council has justified its decisions, encouraged competition and looked after the interests of all citizens.

Agenda Item 7(c) (Minute No. 90) – Private Sector Housing Service Plan 2020-25

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the Private Sector Housing Service Plan 2020-25. A summary of the plan was set out in the report.

Resolved:

To approve the Private Sector Housing Service Plan 2020-25.

A COMMERCIAL & DEMOCRATICALLY ACCOUNTABLE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 8(a) (Minute No. 91) – Corporate Plan - Annual Objectives 2020/21

Cabinet received a report seeking approval for the proposed Annual Objectives 2020/21 and for Cabinet to recommend these objectives to Council

Resolved:

To approve the proposed Annual Objectives 2020/21

Agenda Item 8(b) (Minute No. 92) – Council Tax – Local Council Tax Discount Scheme for Care Leavers

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal for Castle Point Borough Council to introduce a local Council Tax discount scheme for Care Leavers until the age of 21 years.

Resolved:

To note the content of the report and approve the introduction of a Care Leavers Discount Scheme from 1 April 2020 permitting care leavers under the age of 21 years to receive a Council Tax Discount as set out in the Scheme document at Appendix A to the report.

Agenda Item 8 (c) (Minute No. 93) - Corporate Performance Scorecard Quarter 3 2019/20

Cabinet considered the report setting out the cumulative performance figures for the Corporate Performance Scorecard for Quarter 3 (from 1st October 2019 to 31st December 2019).

Resolved:

That Cabinet notes the report and continues to monitor performance.

Agenda Item 9 (Minute No. 94) – Matters to be referred from / to Policy & Scrutiny Committees

There were no matters.

Agenda Item 10 (Minute No. 84) - Matters to be referred from / to the Standing Committees

There were no matters.

CONSULTATION

No matters

LEADER'S STATEMENT TO CABINET - PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS (COVID -19)

Before closing the meeting the Leader of the Council made a formal statement setting out new working arrangements to support the health led response to the current public health emergency and the danger to life from the coronavirus. A full copy of the formal statement is attached.

David Marchant
Chief Executive



Leader's Statement to Cabinet – Public Health Emergency CORONAVIRUS (COVID -19)

18th March 2020

The Council has been required to introduce new working arrangements to support the health led response to the current public health emergency and the danger to life from the coronavirus.

The Council will continue to ensure that essential services are delivered to residents living in the Borough and will do whatever is necessary to assist the Government in the measures which have been announced to respond to coronavirus. We are part of the Local Resilience Forum and we, together with all partner organisations including the Police and other agencies, are co-operating with each-other to provide ongoing services to the community, whilst taking special care of the most vulnerable people in society and taking whatever action is necessary to support local businesses.

This has meant some temporary changes in the methods in which the Council works and takes decisions. These steps include:

- Flexible and home working arrangements being agreed for staff which will mean the council's staff is able to continue working and to be isolated from the spread of the virus.
- All Mayoral and other civic / ceremonial events are postponed to a later date.
- The Full Council meeting on 25th March and other summonsed meetings of the council will be deferred and rescheduled as appropriate.
- The Council to follow the standard practice for any urgent business items from now on and until the public health emergency has passed or until further direction from the Government.
- The Council is engaging with the voluntary groups in the Borough to facilitate the assistance which can be provided to vulnerable people who are living in Castle Point.

I would like to assure all Members and the community that the Council remains fully open for business and operational during this difficult time albeit that we will be working in a different way. I will be in regular and daily contact with the Chief Executive and will be acting in consultation with him to ensure that all key decisions required to be made by the Council continue to be properly made. Any directives which are received from Central Government which are designed to protect our residents and local businesses will be swiftly implemented by the Council.

Please follow the current advice and guidance which is being provided by the NHS and stay safe and healthy until we can all return to normal life.