

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet that took place in the Council Chamber at County Hall on Thursday 15 December 2022

Present:

Councillor	Cabinet Member Responsibility
Cllr Kevin Bentley	Leader of the Council (Chairman)
Cllr Louise McKinlay	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance (via Zoom)
Cllr Tony Ball	Education Excellence, Lifelong Learning and Employability
Cllr Malcolm Buckley	Waste Reduction and Recycling
Cllr Graham Butland	Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture
Cllr Beverley Egan	Children's Services and Early Years
Cllr Lee Scott	Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport
Cllr John Spence	Health and Adult Social Care
Cllr Lesley Wagland	Economic Renewal, Infrastructure and Planning
Cllr Chris Whitbread	Finance, Resources and Corporate Affairs

Cllrs Mark Durham, Peter Schwier and Mike Mackrory were also present. Cllr Ivan Henderson attended remotely, via Zoom.

1. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest.

The report of Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received and the following were noted:

1. There had been no changes of membership since the last report.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Chris Pond, Leader of the Non-Aligned Group, and Cllr David King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.
3. Whilst not declarable interests, for transparency Cllr John Spence noted that the Beaulieu Park School was in his division and his wife was a board member of the Chelmsford Learning Partnership. Cllr Mike Mackrory also advised he was a governor at a school within the Chelmsford Learning Partnership.

2. Minutes: 15 November 2022

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15 November 2022, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Questions from the public

None.

4. Expansion of The Beaulieu Park School by 420 primary places on a phased basis with effect from September 2024 (FP/526/10/22)

The report was considered in conjunction with a Confidential Appendix – minute 9 below refers.

The Cabinet received a report from the Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Lifelong Learning and Employability concerning a proposal to meet a growing demand for primary places through expansion of The Beaulieu Park School by two forms of entry over a split school site.

Cllr Mike Mackrory spoke on the proposal, noting his support for an all-through school. Cllr Peter Schwier also offered support, particularly in respect of the net-zero design of the new buildings. The Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care noted his thanks to the Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Lifelong Learning and Employability for his engagement during the development of the proposals, particularly regarding measures to reduce the new site's carbon footprint.

Resolved:

1. Agreed to support the expansion of The Beaulieu Park School by increasing primary aged capacity from 420 places (2 forms of entry) to 840 places (4 forms of entry) on a phased basis with effect from September 2024.
2. Agreed to approve the capital budget for construction and associated project fees as profiled in paragraph 2.3 of the Confidential Appendix to report FP/526/10/22.
3. Agreed that the Head of Infrastructure Delivery is authorised to award the contract for the new build of Beaulieu Park School on the new S106 site when he is content that the following conditions have been met:
 - a) a satisfactory planning permission has been granted;
 - b) the construction costs are within the agreed budget as stated within the Confidential Appendix to report FP/526/10/22 and represent value for money; and
 - c) arrangements are in place for the end user(s) of the building to be provided with collateral warranties by the principal contractors.

5. Decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members (FP/549/11/22)

Cllr Ivan Henderson asked whether the Annual review of the Essex Bus Service Improvement Plan 2022 (FP/484/08/22) would be brought to the appropriate scrutiny committee; the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport confirmed that this would be the

case.

The report was noted.

6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet was scheduled at 10.15am on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH.

7. Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).

8. Confidential Appendix: Expansion of The Beaulieu School by 420 primary places on a phased basis with effect from September 2024 (FP/526/10/22)

The confidential appendix to report FP/526/10/22, to which minute 4, above, refers, was agreed.

9. Urgent Exempt Business

There was no urgent exempt business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.32am.