

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet meeting that was held remotely on Tuesday 20 April 2021

Present:

Councillor	Cabinet Member Responsibility
Councillor D Finch	Leader of the Council (Chairman)
Councillor T Ball	Economic Development
Councillor K Bentley	Deputy Leader and Infrastructure
Councillor R Gooding	Education and Skills
Councillor D Madden	Performance, Business Planning and Partnerships
Councillor L McKinlay	Children and Families
Councillor S Walsh	Environment and Climate Change Action
Councillor J Spence	Health and Adult Social Care

Councillors Mackrory, Henderson, Durham, Goggin, Metcalfe and Aldridge were also present.

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 to membership since the last meeting of Cabinet.
2. Apologies were received from Councillor Barker, Cabinet Member for Customer, Communities, Culture and Corporate, Councillor Whitbread, Cabinet Member for Finance and Councillor Pond.
3. There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 16 March 2021 and 26 March 2021 were approved as a true record and would be signed by the Chairman.

3. **Questions from the public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

4. **Housing Related Support for Young People aged 16+ (FP/843/10/20)**

The Cabinet considered a report relating to the provision of housing related support to young people accommodated by others. The reported advised that the contract for delivery of the current service would expire on 31 May 2022 and the report related to the re-procurement of the service.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Families responded to questions from Councillors Henderson and Mackrory regarding the feedback obtained from young people and how this would be addressed, the provision of tenancy support including for young people moving between boroughs, and the flexibility of the service including options where full costs were not met through Housing Benefit.

Resolved:

1. To procure a single countywide contract for the provision of housing related support services for vulnerable young people in Essex using an open, single stage procurement procedure for a 5 year contract term from June 2022–May 2027 with the option to extend for up to a further two years to May 2029.
2. To agree a maximum total expenditure of £18.025m based on an annual spend of £2.575m.
3. To agree an evaluation model based on 30% price, 70% quality of which 10% may relate to Social Value.
4. To delegate the approval of the detailed evaluation model to the Executive Director, Children and Families.
5. To delegate approval to award contract(s) to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families.
6. To note that the decision whether or not to extend the contract will be taken by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

5. **Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Cabinet would take place at 10am on Tuesday 8 June 2021 with the venue to be confirmed.

6. **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

7. **Urgent Exempt Business**

There was no urgent exempt business.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure thanked the Leader of the Council for his leadership and support over the last eight years, noting that as the Leader was not standing for re-election this would be his last Cabinet meeting. Other Members present also shared their best wishes and appreciation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.17am.