

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH on Tuesday 18 June 2019

Present:

Councillor	Cabinet Member Responsibility
K Bentley	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure (in the Chair)
T Ball	Economic Development
S Barker	Customer, Communities, Culture and Corporate
R Gooding	Education and Skills
D Madden	Performance, Business Planning and Partnerships
L McKinlay	Children and Families
G Mohindra	Finance, Property and Housing
J Spence	Health and Adult Social Care

Councillors J Chandler, A Hedley, I Henderson, M Steptoe and A Turrell 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 in membership since the last meeting.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors D Finch (Leader of the Council), S Walsh (Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste), M Mackrory (Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group) and C Pond (Leader of the Non-aligned Group).
3. There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes: 28 May 2019

(Additional information was included within a confidential appendix to the minutes – minute 9 below refers)

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Questions from the public

None.

4. Procurement of two new Extra Care Schemes for Older People; Rocheway and Coppins Court (FP/368/02/19)

The Cabinet was asked to approve the procurement of two new Extra Care housing schemes for development on land to be disposed of by the Council for this purpose, together with the associated procurement approach.

The following information was provided in response to questions by Councillor Turrell:

- Accommodation would be available for both dual and single occupancy, and the nomination rights would ensure both that accommodation was provided to those people most in need of it and allow control over what was charged. A written response would be provided in respect of a further question regarding the consideration that had been given to leasing to the providers to generate income.

Resolved:

1. That a single stage competitive tender be undertaken to procure Registered Providers for the development, management and provision of onsite Care and Support Schemes, including the Peace of Mind Service, for the following two new schemes at:
 - Rocheway, Rochford; and
 - Coppins Court, Clacton.
2. That the successful tenderer be awarded a contract or contracts under which:
 - They will receive a transfer of the land for such payment as specified in the tender (which may be nil) on completion of the development works in accordance with the planning permissions obtained by Essex County Council (ECC), subject to ECC entering a restriction on the title requiring nomination rights to be passed on with any sale and that the land is used for Extra Care housing.
 - They give nomination rights to ECC for 30 units for rent at Rocheway and 60 units at Coppins Court.
 - They receive an initial five-year contract term for the provision of the onsite Care and Support Services in each Scheme, which includes the provision of the Peace of Mind Service, with the option for ECC to extend in five-year periods up to a maximum contract length of 25 years.
 - They must, if ECC requires, allow an alternative care provider to use the office, communal facilities and alarm system if ECC decides to award this contract elsewhere.
 - The cost of the 'peace of mind' service will be paid by residents as part of the service charge.

3. That authority to award the contracts be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care if he is satisfied that the contracts represent best value and are within budget, when costed at expected volumes.
4. That the requirement for tenderers to state what contribution they are prepared to make towards the value of the land and the design and planning work and site clearance activity already undertaken by Essex Housing be noted.

5. Physical Activity Local Delivery Pilot Funding Agreement (FP/441/05/19)

The Cabinet's agreement was sought to accept a grant of £9.84m awarded (subject to contract) by Sport England to fund a programme of activity to reduce the number of people in Essex who are physically inactive. Agreement was also sought for the Council to enter into the necessary agreements.

The following information was provided in response to questions by Councillors Turrell and Henderson:

- Administration costs were not yet known, but every effort would be made to minimise them. The work delivered would align with the priorities of both Essex County Council and the Health and Wellbeing Board; future scrutiny with regard to impact would likely be at the request of the Health and Wellbeing Board. A written response would be provided in respect of a further question regarding the piloting of an Essex wide pass card.
- The Director for Wellbeing, Public Health and Communities was content with the funding arrangements for wider health initiatives generally and the innovative approach to be undertaken by the pilot scheme. The majority of the grant would be allocated to district and borough Councils, and as such would not be available for subsidy; as the funding was provided by Sport England there was significant oversight of its appropriate use.

Resolved:

1. That a contract be entered into with Sport England for the acceptance of up to £9.84m for the delivery of a pilot to reduce inactivity in Essex.
2. That the investment guidelines set out in Appendix 2 to report FP/441/05/19 be adopted.
3. That the requirement for further decisions on the use of the money, as set out in paragraph 3.6 to report FP/441/05/19, be noted.

6. Decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members (FP/436/05/19)

The report of decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members since the last meeting of the Cabinet was noted.

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Cabinet would take place on Tuesday 23 July 2019 at 10.00am in Committee Room 1 at County Hall, Chelmsford.

8. 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).

9. Confidential Appendix: Minutes – 28 May 2019

(Press and public excluded)

The Cabinet noted the Confidential Appendix to the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2019, which had been approved as a correct record earlier in the meeting (minute 2 above refers).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:19am.

Chairman
18 June 2019