

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet that took place in the Council Chamber at County Hall on Tuesday 15 November 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 Malcolm Buckley	Waste Reduction and Recycling
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 Chris Whitbread	Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Corporate Affairs

Cllrs Mark Durham, Mike Mackrory, Mark Platt, Peter Schwier, Alan Goggin, Ian Grundy, Anthony McQuiggan, Marshall Vance, Bob Massey, Carlo Guglielmi and Laureen Shaw were also present. Cllrs Chris Pond and David King 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 Councillors Tony Ball, Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Lifelong Learning and Employability, Graham Butland, Cabinet Member for Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture and Lesley Wagland, Cabinet Member for Economic Renewal, Infrastructure and Planning.
3. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes: 18 October 2022

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18 October 2022, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Questions from the public

None.

4. Integrated Health and Justice Service Contract Extension (FP/508/09/22)

The Cabinet received a report seeking agreement to extend the contract for the Integrated Health and Justice Service for two years beyond the expiry of

the current contract on 31 March 2023. The extension would commence on 1 April 2023 and run for 24 months, at a total cost of £7, 969,000.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care responded to questions from Councillors Mackrory, Henderson, Pond and King in relation to:

Some incomplete wording at paragraph 4.2 in respect of the Council's ambition to be net carbon neutral by 2030;
The deployment of staff in custody settings;
The nature of the issues in some parts of the operation described at paragraph 3.8;
How this provision sat within the wider justice landscape with regard to general offending, rather than reoffending;
The effectiveness of the provision with regard to preventing reoffending; and
The possibility of expanding the provision.

A written response would also be provided to Councillor Mackrory regarding whether or not Youth Offending Teams had a role within the service.

Resolved:

Agreed to extend the current Integrated Health and Justice contract with the Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) for a further 24 months commencing on 1 April 2023 at a cost of £7,969,000 for a further 24 months (£3,985,000 per annum)

5. Decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members (FP/528/10/22)

Councillor Mackrory asked the Leader of the Council whether a response had been received in relation to FP/535/10/22 Investment Zones Expression of Interest Submission. The Leader advised that the formal response was still awaited.

The report was noted.

6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet was scheduled at 10.15am on Thursday 15 December 2022 at County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH.

7. Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40pm.