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## **Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH on Tuesday 20 March 2018**

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### **Present:**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Cabinet Member Responsibility</b>
D Finch	Leader of the Council (Chairman)
S Barker	Culture, Communities and Customer
R Gooding	Education
I Grundy	Highways
S Lissimore	Housing, Property and Planning
D Madden	Children and Families
L McKinlay	Resources
J Spence	Health and Adult Social Care

Councillors John Aldridge, Tony Ball, Mark Durham, Ricki Gadsby, Ivan Henderson, Mike Mackrory, Chris Pond and Anne Turrell were also present.

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

The report of Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received and it was noted that:

1. the membership of the Cabinet was unchanged since the last meeting;
2. apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader and Economic Growth, Skills, Infrastructure and the Digital Economy, and Simon Walsh, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste.
3. any interests would be declared at the point during the meeting when they arose.

### **2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. Questions from the public**

There were none.

### **4. Colchester Integrated Transport Package (ITP) – A133 Ipswich and Harwich Road junction improvements (FP/062/01/18)**

The Cabinet were asked to agree the scheme to reduce congestion and improve traffic flows on a stretch of the A133 in Colchester.

The scheme provides infrastructure needed to enable the planned growth of Colchester.

Responding to a question by Councillor Turrell, the Chairman advised he would ask Councillor Bentley to provide a response regarding the joining up of cycle lanes in the location and regarding dualling of the A133.

Responding to a question from Councillor Pond, the Chairman advised that due process had been followed with regard to selecting the contractor, Eurovia Infrastructure Ltd.

**Resolved:**

1. Approved the award of a construction contract to Eurovia Infrastructure Ltd as principal construction contractor for the sum of £5 million for the construction of the A133 Ipswich Rd and Harwich Rd roundabout junction improvements (including the A133 St Andrews Ave in between these junctions), Colchester.
2. Increase the overall capital budget by £1.337m in 2019/20, taking the total Capital budget to £13.8m utilising funds released from a reduction (also in 2019/20) in the capital budget of the A414 Harlow to Chelmsford scheme. It is also recommended to reprofile £97,000 from within the A133 allocation in 2017/18 to 2019/20. (Note that the £13.8m covers the whole Borough Wide package, of which £6m will have been spent in prior years – the remaining budget in future years for this final element is £7.8m - £1.5m in 2018/19, and £6.3m in 2019/20)
3. That the Director, Highways and Transportation be authorised to implement the shared cycleways and changes to crossings notwithstanding the issues raised by a member of the public.

**5. Mental Health Accommodation Transformation (FP/065/01/18)**

The Cabinet were asked to procure two short term contracts for the provision of accommodation for people with mental needs for whom in some circumstances the Council is required by law to provide short term accommodation, pending the development of a longer term approach.

Responding to questions from Councillors Henderson, Mackrory and Pond, Councillor Spence advised that the two year contract is about working with providers to shape the market to provide a mental health solution for all residents of Essex and the proposal sits within the mental health strategy, which aims to meet individuals' needs quickly and to minimise suicide.

In response to the allegations the BBC has made regarding access to Class A drugs and sexual relationships at the Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust,

Cllr Spence stated that allegations are under immediate investigation by officers and partners.

Following an issue about the quality of the reports raised by Cllr Mackrory, Cllr Spence apologised for the errors and said he would speak to officers.

**Resolved:**

1. To undertake a competitive procurement for a contract to provide Intensive Enablement accommodation for people with mental health needs, with contracts awarded for a two year period from 1 October 2018.
2. To undertake a competitive procurement for a multi provider framework for Supported to Independence accommodation for people with mental health needs, with the framework awarded for a two year period from 1 October 2018.
3. That these procurements should be undertaken via the use of a single stage open tender process and that all contracts should be awarded on terms which allow ECC to withdraw from schemes should CCG funding not be forthcoming.
4. That the Director, Adult Social Care may award the contracts and may procure contracts under the framework.
5. That a report will be brought back to Cabinet by December 2018 to decide on the long term approach to procuring accommodation and support for people with mental health needs across Essex.

**6. Decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members (FP/073/02/18)**

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 22 May 2018 at 10.00am.

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**Chairman**

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**Date**