

## NOTES FOR MEETING OF COUNCIL - 25 November 2021

- 1 At the start of the meeting, the Lead Officer will confirm the Fire Evacuation Procedure.
- The Joint Chief Executive will announce that this meeting may be recorded and that anyone remaining at the meeting has provided their consent to any such recording please see our protocol on <a href="Attending and Reporting Meetings">Attending and Reporting Meetings</a>

#### I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Note: The only aspect of the Minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy.

Members have been asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting if they have any questions on the accuracy of the Minutes.

**The Chairman** to ask if he/she can sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 September 2021 (CL. 23-31). (Proposer and Seconder required).

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**The Chairman** will ask the Committee Services Officer if any apologies have been received.

\*Note: Members have been asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**The Chairman** to state that, if any Members have any disclosable pecuniary, or any other, interests to declare in any of the items on the agenda, they should declare them at this point.

\*Note: Members are asked to email <u>Committee Services</u> in advance of the meeting as soon as they are aware they may have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, and any other interests they may have with respect to matters which are to be considered at this meeting.

# 4. PRESENTATION – CHIEF INSPECTOR KIRSTEN TROMAN, HAMPSHIRE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, HART & RUSHMOOR

**The Chairman** to invite Chief Inspector Troman to give a presentation to Council, to be followed by an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions.

#### 5. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Questions have been received from David Turver.

To the Portfolio Holder for Place:

1) Hart needs a revised Local Plan in place by five years from adoption, which is April 2025. Various steps will need to be completed such as Examination and various consultations. The Council will also need to find sites to meet the housing delivery test and make adjustments resulting from new household projections due to be published in 2023. The Inspector also said that "appropriate and proportionate area/site assessments [and] viability testing would need to be done in an impartial manner". Can you sketch out the broad activities and timelines required to meet the April 2025 deadline?

## **CIIr Cockarill** to respond.

2) At the September Council meeting we were promised that the Shapley Heath survey results were going to be published "in full" (subject to GDPR check) "shortly". Most reasonable people would have expected "shortly" to mean within a couple of weeks. They are still being kept secret, with a vague commitment to publish sometime in the New Year. Can you give a precise deadline for when these important results will be made available to the taxpayers of Hart who paid for the survey?

Cllr Cockarill to respond.

To Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Finance (or suitable deputy)

3) Back in September we were promised a "a business case for the cost benefit analysis of starting to commence the preparation for the next local plan review". Subsequent papers have been notable because they contained no costs and no benefits of stopping Shapley Heath and changing course. Are we to assume that all of the FY21/22 budget for Shapley Heath has been spent already, despite the project being terminated early, and so no savings will be made, or is this just another example of weak financial controls?

## **Clir Radley** to respond.

To the Leader of the Council

4) As you know, Hart is facing a significant structural budget deficit for the foreseeable future. The Level 1 and Level 2 savings identified so far do not fill the financial black hole. Nearby East Hampshire and Havant councils get along fine with just one CEO and senior management team shared between them. Yet Hart, one of the smallest local authorities in the country, has two CEOs. What actions are you taking to ensure this shameful waste of taxpayers' money does not continue?

Cllr Neighbour to respond.

#### 6. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Questions have been received from Councillor Butcher

1) Can the portfolio holder with responsibility for the dog warden service please provide an update on the status of the contract process for the service? Has this gone to market yet, if not is there an opportunity to review the target deliverables & SLAs?

## **CIIr Kinnell** to respond.

2) Can the cabinet member responsible for Parking please clarify what the income that is raised from Fleet Town Council for the market is used to fund? Is it linked to regeneration or some other purpose?

**Cllr Oliver** to respond.

## 7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman's Engagements since the last Council Meeting:

10 Oct: High Sheriff of Hampshire - Law Sunday Matins at Winchester Cathedral

24 Oct: Mayor of Bracknell Forest - Civic Service

27 Oct: Cross Barn, Odiham - AGM & opening of new cinema/AV system

11 Nov: Remembrance Day – 2-minute silence at Gurkha Square

14 Nov: Remembrance Sunday Parade - Church Crookham

14 Nov: Remembrance Sunday Parade - Fleet

## 8. CABINET MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Chairman** will ask Cabinet Members whether they have any announcements of importance to the Council.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Neighbour

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, Councillor Radley

The Cabinet Member for Digital, Councillor Clarke

The Cabinet Member for Community, Councillor Bailey

The Cabinet Member for Place, Councillor Cockarill

The Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Councillor Kinnell

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Oliver

The Cabinet Member for Commercialisation, Councillor Quarterman

#### 9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

#### 10. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

**Note**: Members are allowed to put questions at Council without notice **in respect of any matters in the Minutes** to the Leader of the Council or any Chairman of the relevant meeting at the time those Minutes are received by Council.

Meeting	Date	Page Numbers	For Decision
Cabinet	7 Oct 2021	25-29	MINUTE 61 - Food Recovery Plan Food Recovery Plan 21-22 Report  Food Recovery Plan 21-22 Report Appendix
Cabinet (draft)	4 Nov 2021	30-36	
Overview & Scrutiny	21 Sep 2021	18-24	
Overview & Scrutiny (draft)	19 Oct 2021	25-28	
Planning	13 Oct 2021	28-31	MINUTE 47 - 21/02051/FUL 28

			Finns Business Park, Bowenhurst Lane, Crondall, Farnham GU10 5HP
			Departure from the Local Plan.
			Since no request to debate has been received this Departure to the Local Plan is deemed to be ACCEPTED.
Planning (draft)	10 Nov 2021	32-37	
Planning Major Sites Sub-Committee (draft)	22 Sep 2021	1-7	

The **Chairman** will ask if there are any questions on the minutes of each Committee in turn, and to whom the question is to be put. After questions have been asked on that Committee's minutes the Chairman of the relevant Committee will ask for a vote for any recommendations to Council contained in those minutes.

# Cabinet 7 October 2021 – Minute 61 Food Recovery Plan

The Leader, Councillor David Neighbour:

Please move in accordance with Procedure Rule 18.1 as follows:

"I move the recommendation set out at Minute 61 of the Cabinet Minutes

that the Food Recovery Plan 21-22 be approved." (Seconder required)

## 10. CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

A Climate Emergency update to be given by The Leader of the Council, **Councillor Neighbour** 

#### 11. OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

To receive any feedback from Members who are representatives of the Council on an Outside Body.

## 12. MOTION TO COUNCIL

The following motion has been moved by Councillor Wildsmith.

"That Hart District Council Resolves to

(i) Acknowledge the efforts that this Council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;

## (ii) Further recognises

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers in the Hart District council area as well as other local authority areas result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies, community groups and councils including Hart District Council to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, if they wished, and
- that revenues received by such local companies, community groups or councils that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;
- (iii) Note that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;
- (iv) Accordingly resolve to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 278 MPs and 79 other Local Authorities and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company; and

# (v) Further resolves to

- inform the local media of this decision,
- write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and write to the
  organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at Camden
  Collective, 5-7 Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ or
  info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support."

## 13. MOTION TO COUNCIL

The following motion has been moved by Councillor Radley.

"That The Council Resolves (with regard to the Cabinet deliberations following scrutiny by Overview and Scrutiny Committee) to endorse the Level 1 and 2 saving proposals as set out in the Cabinet reports of the 2 September and 4 November 2021 and to empower officers to commence work immediately on implementing the proposed savings so that they can take effect at the earliest opportunity."

Members may decide that the public interest in maintaining an exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing information whilst debating the motion.

It is possible that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Rules of Council:
When the Chairman asks, members must stop speaking at the time, and the Chairman may mute the microphone.
RULES OF DEBATE
No speeches until motion seconded

1. No speeches may be made after the mover has moved a proposal and explained the purpose of it until the motion has been seconded.

# Seconder's speech

**NOTES:** 

2. When seconding a motion or amendment, the Member may reserve their speech until later in the debate.

## **Content and length of speeches**

3. No speech may exceed three minutes without the permission of the Chairman.

# When a Member may speak again

- 4. A Member who has spoken on a motion may not speak again whilst it is the subject of debate, except:
  - 1. to speak once on an amendment moved by another Member
  - 2. to move a further amendment if the motion has been amended
- 5. If the first speech was on an amendment moved by another Member, to speak on the main issue (whether or not the amendment on which they spoke was carried)
  - 1. in exercise of a right of reply
  - 2. on a point of order
  - 3. by way of personal explanation
  - 4. by way of a point of information.

#### **Amendments to motions**

- 6. An amendment to a motion must be relevant to the motion, <u>may not have the effect of being a direct negative to the motion itself</u>, and will either be:
  - 1. to refer the matter to an appropriate body or individual for consideration or reconsideration

- 2. to leave out words
- 3. to leave out words and insert or add others
- 4. to insert or add words
- 7. Only one amendment may be moved and discussed at any one time. No further amendment may be moved until the amendment under discussion has been disposed of.
- 8. If an amendment is not carried, other amendments to the original motion may be moved.
- 9. If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended takes the place of the original motion. This becomes the substantive motion to which any further amendments may be moved.

# Right of reply

- 10. The mover of a motion has a right to reply at the end of the debate on the motion, immediately before it is put to the vote.
- 11. If an amendment is moved, the mover of the original motion has the right of reply at the close of the debate on the amendment but may not otherwise speak on it.
- 12. The mover of the amendment has no right of reply to the debate on his or her amendment.

#### Point of order

13. A Member may raise a point of order at any time whilst the specific item of business is under discussion. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of the Rules or the law. The Member must indicate the rule or law and the way in which he considers it has been broken.

# **Personal explanation**

14. Members do not have an automatic right to reply simply because there are named in another Members speech. A Member may, however, make a personal explanation at any time. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member in the debate which may appear to have been misunderstood. The procedure should not be used as a way to continue or expand the Members' original speech but should focus solely on clarifying any misunderstanding.

# Point of information

15. A Member may raise a point of information during another Members' speech. It is within the absolute discretion of the Chairman to decide to accept the information. It is also within the discretion of the speaker to accept or decline the information. During the raising of this point of information the time allowed to the speaker will be extended to include the point of information.