



Notice of Meeting

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date and Time:	Thursday 5 December 2024 at 7.00 pm
Place:	Council Chamber
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Members:	Neighbour (Leader), Radley (Deputy Leader), Bailey, Clarke, Collins, Oliver, Quarterman and Wildsmith

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Agenda

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- At the start of the meeting, the Lead Officer will confirm the Fire Evacuation Procedure.**
- The Chairman will announce that this meeting will be recorded and that anyone remaining at the meeting has provided their consent to any such recording.**

- 1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting** 5 - 9
- The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2024 are attached for confirmation and signature as a correct record.
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- To receive any apologies for absence from Members*.
- *Note: Members are asked to email Committee services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.*
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- To declare disclosable pecuniary, and any other interests*.
- *Note: Members are asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they may have an interest to declare.*
- 4 Chair's Announcements**
- 5 Public Participation (Items Pertaining to the Agenda)**
- Anyone wishing to make a statement to the Committee should contact Committee Services at least two clear working days prior to the meeting. Further information can be found [online](#).
- 6 Butterwood Homes Scrutiny Panel Report** 10 - 27
- This report provides an update of Butterwood Homes' performance to Cabinet, following consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the main committee.
- Recommendation**
1. Note the current mid-year status, occupancy, and financial updates.
 2. Further comments from Cabinet relevant to the shareholder role and terms of reference to be forwarded to the company directors.
- 7 Fly Tipping Options Appraisal** 28 - 35
- For Cabinet to consider the proposed reinforcement of the Council's ability to educate and enforce against fly tipping.

Recommendation

1. Cabinet is requested to:

- approve a 2-year pilot to increase capacity in the team to be able to educate and enforce against fly-tipping as set out in this report, at a total cost of £90k funded from the overall forecast net underspend in the 2024/25 budget, and
- agree to a review of the current arrangement for the collection of fly-tipped waste with Street Care and Grounds Maintenance contract Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council following the initial wider review of the contract by the Council's Countryside team.

8 Renewal of the Shared Building Control Service

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To consider the renewal of the Shared Building Control Partnership between Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council, extending it by five years to 31 March 2030.

Recommendation

That Cabinet:

- a) Agrees, in principle, the renewal of the Shared Building Control Partnership between Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council to discharge the statutory building control functions for both areas for a further five year period until 31 March 2030, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the agreed Deed; and
- b) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Development Management to finalise the terms and conditions and then sign the new Deed (the legal agreement between Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council) before the existing agreement comes to an end.

9 MTFS Emerging Pressures and Budget Strategy

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The Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and the annual budget-setting process are important decisions for the Council. This report offers an interim assessment of the MTFS and highlights several high-level actions aimed at supporting the budget-setting process for the next three years. However, it does not provide specific plans to address any anticipated budget shortfalls, as such an approach would currently be premature based on the available information. However,

once the government provides greater clarity on its local government financing stance the necessary plans will be brought forward and included in future reports.

Recommendation

- a. Cabinet notes the MTFS forecast, agree the headline budget strategy identified in Appendix 1 and ask officers to identify and model options for closing the residual budget gap in 2025/26 and report these to O&S Committee in January for scrutiny ahead of Cabinet and Council approval
- b. Cabinet is recommended to approve the use of the current balance on the local plan reserve, up to £63k, for spend on consultancy and software costs in 2024/25, and earmarks a £1m of the forecast 2024/25 net underspend for the local plan reserve, with details and a recommendation to Council to be included in the main budget report in January 2025

10 Upgrading the Audiovisual Capabilities in the Council Chamber 72 - 73

This report requests access to the Council Chamber Audio Reserve to fund upgrading the Council Chamber's audiovisual capabilities and environment. Such an upgrade is essential for maintaining meeting broadcast capabilities.

Recommendation

Cabinet authorises the release of up to £15K from the Council Chamber audio reserve to enable the upgrading of the Council's audiovisual capabilities in the Council Chamber.

11 Cabinet Work Programme 74 - 83

To consider and amend the Cabinet Work Programme.

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