

**CABINET**

**Date and Time:** Thursday, 5 November 2020 at 7pm

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

**Present:**

**COUNCILLORS**

Ambler, Bailey, Kinnell (7.03pm), Neighbour (Chairman), Oliver, Quarterman, Radley

**In attendance:** Axam, Forster, Smith

**Officers:**

Patricia Hughes      Joint Chief Executive  
Helen Vincent      Committee Services

**51 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of 01 October 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr Cockarill.

**53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**54 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman had nothing to announce.

**55 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)**

None received.

**56 REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Members considered the revised Financial Regulations.

Members discussed and asked for clarification on whether the approach taken on Parish precepts was different this year, due to the new Financial Regulations. It was confirmed that until adopted at Council, the existing Financial Regulations were being used and the alteration of approach was aimed to provide Parishes with further information.

### **RECOMMENDATION to Council**

That the revised Financial Regulations recommend to Council for their inclusion in the Constitution.

#### **57 REVISED DRAFT UPDATE TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS**

Members considered the revised Contract Standing Orders.

Members discussed:

- Ensuring the Contract Standing Orders sufficiently encompassed the Councils ambitions around Climate Change and the inclusion of contract conditions relating to this.
- If consideration had been given to EU policies after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Members agreed that the successor statues will hold sway.
- Ensuring contracts placed with suppliers are not split – either by time span or function, to prevent a higher level of governance within the Contract Standing Orders being utilised. It was confirmed that the Contract Standing Orders made clear that procurements and contracts must not be split in this way.

### **RECOMMENDATION to Council**

That the updated Contract Standing Orders be included in the Constitution.

#### **58 SOUTHWOOD PAVILION**

Members considered the options they would like the Council to pursue with regard to the management of Southwood Pavilion and associated sports ground.

Councillor Radley moved a new recommendation, based on updated information as follows:

That,

Cabinet approves the creation of a 15 year contracted out lease to include milestones, requiring maintenance, and repair to be carried out and a 'rolling break clause' enabling the Council to 'step in' if it did not consider that the Football Club were keeping the site safe or secure or responsibly.

Cabinet delegates to the Joint Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services powers to complete negotiations and the lease agreement subject to instruction of solicitors on agreed heads of terms by 24th December 2020.

In the event that it is not possible to conclude these negotiations by the 24th December, Cabinet agrees to:

- a. the provision of a 5 year lease on the same terms outlined above and if that was not achievable,

b. In the event of a 5 year lease also not being able to be completed - the Council would allow for public tender to seek expressions of interest from all parties to lease the premises for leisure purposes.

**DECISION**

- A. Cabinet approves the creation of a 15 year contracted out lease to include milestones, requiring maintenance, and repair to be carried out and a 'rolling break clause' enabling the Council to 'step in' if it did not consider that the Football Club were keeping the site safe or secure or responsibly.
- B. The Joint Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services be authorised to complete negotiations on the lease agreement by 24th December 2020.
- C. In the event that it is not possible to conclude these negotiations by the 24th December, Cabinet agrees to:
  - a) the provision of a 5 year lease on the same terms outlined above and if that was not achievable, or
  - b) in the event of a 5 year lease also not being completed - the Joint Chief Executive is authorised through public tender expressions of interest from all parties to lease the premises for leisure purposes

**59 MINUTES FROM CIVIC REGENERATION WORKING GROUP**

Members were informed that Hampshire County Council Property Services and Library Services were being consulted by the Working Group and early engagement with the community is prioritised.

The minutes of the meeting held on 06 October 2020 were noted.

**60 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME**

The Cabinet Work Programme was considered and amended.

- Car boot sales to Cabinet in January 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm