

## **Record of Cabinet decisions**

**Tuesday, 4 September 2018**

**3.00pm to 3.39pm**

**Date of publication: 5 September 2018**

**Subject to call-in these decisions will be effective from 13 September 2018  
The record of decisions is subject to approval at the next meeting of the Cabinet**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Alan Jarrett	Leader of the Council
	Councillor Howard Doe	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services
	Councillor David Brake	Portfolio Holder for Adults' Services
	Councillor Rodney Chambers, OBE	Portfolio Holder for Inward Investment, Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships
	Councillor Jane Chitty	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation
	Councillor Adrian Gulvin	Portfolio Holder for Resources
	Councillor Andrew Mackness	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services - Lead Member (statutory responsibility, including education)
	Councillor Martin Potter	Portfolio Holder for Educational Attainment and Improvement
	Councillor Rupert Turpin	Portfolio Holder for Business Management

**In Attendance:** Neil Davies, Chief Executive  
Wayne Hemingway, Principal Democratic Services Officer  
Richard Hicks, Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive  
Perry Holmes, Chief Legal Officer/Monitoring Officer  
Ian Sutherland, Director of Children and Adults Services  
Phil Watts, Chief Finance Officer

### **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Phil Filmer (Front Line Services).

## **Cabinet, 4 September 2018**

### **Record of decisions**

The record of the meeting held on 7 August 2018 was agreed and signed by the Leader as a correct record.

### **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests**

#### Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

#### Other significant interests (OSIs)

Councillor Mackness declared an OSI in agenda item 5 (Proposed Use of Part of the Cornwallis Avenue Site for School Provision) because he is the Chairman of Medway Commercial Group and relied on a dispensation agreed by the Councillor Conduct Committee to enable him to take part in the discussion and vote on this item.

#### Other interests

There were none.

### **Innovation Park Medway Masterplan Public Consultation**

#### **Background:**

This report provided details of the draft Innovation Park Medway Masterplan, the aim of which would be to facilitate a high quality, flexible scheme to encourage a wide range of high-value technology, engineering, manufacturing and knowledge-intensive businesses on an area of land currently in use by Rochester Airport Ltd, as well as covering land leased to BAE, and Woolmans Wood Caravan Site which was privately owned.

The report stated that the Masterplan sought to address the objective of opening up potential to deliver high value businesses attracted by strategic connectivity and an innovative environment. Therefore, the Masterplan presented a framework that would give certainty on the major place making features whilst allowing development plots to retain flexibility in order to allow agile responses to market interest.

The report stated that public consultation would be undertaken over a six week period from 17 September to 28 October 2018 subject to both Cabinet approval and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's approval, given that the site crossed the boundary with Tonbridge and Malling. The report also stated that a Diversity Impact Assessment would be carried out during the consultation stage.

## Cabinet, 4 September 2018

**Decision  
number:**

**Decision:**

- 110/2018**      **The Cabinet approved option 1 (consultation on the proposed masterplan) as set out in section 3 of this report and to report back the outcome of consultation to Cabinet in December 2018.**
- 111/2018**      **The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive, to approve any necessary minor amendments to the draft masterplan, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holders, prior to consultation.**

**Reasons:**

Public consultation on the masterplan is necessary in order to adopt the masterplan, allowing high quality development to come forward at Innovation Park Medway.

### **Proposed Use of Part of the Cornwallis Avenue Site for School Provision**

**Background:**

This report provided details of a proposal to lease land at Cornwallis Avenue, Gillingham, to Medway Commercial Group (MCG) for the purpose of developing education facilities to meet pressure on school places. The report provided details of the previous and current uses of the site noting that whilst the current Local Plan designation for the land was CF8 (Cemetery Extension), the proposal in the Local Plan which was out to consultation but not due for adoption until 2020, was that part of the site be allocated for cemetery use and part educational use.

The report provided details of likely demand for both burial spaces and educational provision, noting that use of the Cornwallis Avenue site would facilitate meeting these pressures and the Council's statutory duties in respect of school sufficiency. The report also stated that a Diversity Impact Assessment would be provided with future reports on specific proposals for the educational use of the land.

**Decision  
number:**

**Decision:**

- 112/2018**      **The Cabinet approved the leasing of the proposed 1.5ha education land at Cornwallis Avenue (as shown hatched black on the plan set out in Appendix 1 to the report) to Medway Commercial Group in a format approved by the Chief Legal Officer for a period of no more than 125 years in order to secure the delivery of educational and associated uses subject to appropriate planning approvals.**

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**113/2018**      **The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Legal Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources to complete the lease and any other necessary agreements of part of the site at Cornwallis Avenue as shown hatched black on the plan set out in Appendix 1 to the report for the provision of educational and associated uses.**

### **Reasons:**

To ensure that sufficient land is available for additional education provision to meet expected demand from across all sectors of the place planning system, which will help to ensure that the Council meets its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places.

### **Future Operation of Medway Sport Centre Cafes**

#### **Background:**

This report provided details of a proposal to outsource the cafes at Medway Park and Strood sports centres to an external provider. Between 2013-2017 the cafes at Medway Park and Strood sports centres had been operated by Medway Norse at which point Medway Norse gave notice that they no longer wished to operate these cafes. Therefore, both cafes had been transferred to the Council on 1 September 2017, including an agreed TUPE of affected staff, pending the Council finding a new external supplier.

The report stated that the preferred option was to outsource the cafes because it was considered that this would provide the best customer service, whilst reducing budgetary expenditure and providing income certainty.

#### ***Decision number:***      ***Decision:***

**114/2018**      **The Cabinet approved the outsourcing of the cafes at Medway Park and Strood Sports Centres and for an external provider to be identified and engaged through the Council's procurement process.**

### **Reasons:**

The outsourcing of the cafes to a dedicated external provider will provide better customer service, while providing income certainty and reducing service expenditure.

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### Recruitment Freeze

#### Background:

This report presented information on vacancies that officers had requested approval to commence recruitment for, following the process agreed by the Cabinet on 7 January 2003 (decision number 9/2003).

Details of the posts were set out within Appendix 1 to the report.

#### ***Decision number:***

#### ***Decision:***

**115/2018**      **The Cabinet agreed to unfreeze the following posts, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.**

#### **Business Support Department**

- a) **Civic & Ceremonial Officers x 2**
- b) **Accounting Technician Control Team**

#### **Children and Adults**

- c) **Principal Educational Psychologist**
- d) **Virtual Head Teacher.**

#### **Reasons:**

The posts presented to Cabinet would support the efficient running of the Council.

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**Leader of the Council**

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**Date**

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