

Record of Cabinet decisions

Tuesday, 3 March 2020

3.00pm to 4.15pm

Date of publication: 4 March 2020

**Subject to call-in these decisions will be effective from 12 March 2020
The record of decisions is subject to approval at the next meeting of the Cabinet**

Present:	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 Phil Filmer	Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services
	Councillor Mrs Josie Iles	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services – Lead Member (statutory responsibility)
	Councillor Martin Potter	Portfolio Holder for Education and Schools
	Councillor Rupert Turpin	Portfolio Holder for Business Management

In Attendance: Neil Davies, Chief Executive
Wayne Hemingway, Principal Democratic Services Officer
Richard Hicks, Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive
Perry Holmes, Chief Legal Officer/Monitoring Officer
Julie Keith, Head of Democratic Services
Phil Watts, Chief Finance Officer
James Williams, Director of Public Health

Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Adrian Gulvin (Portfolio Holder for Resources).

Cabinet, 3 March 2020

Record of decisions

The record of the meeting held on 4 February 2020 was agreed by the Cabinet and signed by the Leader as correct.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

Climate Change Action Plan Progress Report

Background:

This report provided details of an update on the activities already undertaken and work currently underway towards establishing a Climate Change Action Plan, following the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency in April 2019 and a subsequent report to Cabinet in July 2019. That report set out the Council's aspirations and approach to the delivery of an Action Plan. In addition, the Cabinet agreed the establishment of the Climate Change Member Advisory Group at this meeting.

The report set out a number of highlights since July 2019, including details of the Member Advisory Group and the Officer Steering Group. The report also detailed the decision on the 2020/21 budget at Full Council on 20 February 2020 to allocate £100,000 to support climate change work.

Decision number: **Decision:**

The Cabinet noted the progress made.

Reasons:

To ensure the Cabinet is informed of the progress to date.

Medway's Whole System Approach to Tackling Obesity

Background:

This report provided details of the proposed long-term approach to reducing the childhood and adult obesity prevalence in Medway.

The report stated that Public Health England's guidance on the whole system approach included six key phases, as set out in section 3 of the report: set up; building the local picture; mapping the local system; action; managing the system network and; reflect and; refresh. The report provided details of Medway's approach under this process.

The Health and Wellbeing Board considered this report on 18 February 2020, details of which were set out in section 5 of the report.

Decision number: **Decision:**

The Cabinet noted the comments of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in section 5 of the report.

The Cabinet noted that tackling obesity is a core priority area relating to the Council Plan priorities and directly impacting on all five themes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Cabinet supported the proposed whole system approach to tackling obesity in Medway which will include the establishment of a Healthy Weight Core Working Group, a food partnership group and physical activity network.

41/2020 The Cabinet agreed to encourage stakeholders and organisations to engage with the Healthy Weight Network.

Reasons:

With the majority of adults in England overweight or obese, and a substantial number of children on the same trajectory, particularly those in the most deprived areas, national and local action is needed now. There is no one single solution. Tackling such an ingrained problem requires a long-term, system-wide approach that makes obesity everybody's business.

Cabinet, 3 March 2020

Food Justice

Background:

This report provided details of the Food Poverty Action Plan, which had been prepared following discussions with a range of local voluntary and public sector partners, researching national examples of best practice and reviewing the evidence base for effective food poverty interventions. The development of an Action Plan would ensure that there was systematic and evidenced based approach to reducing food poverty.

The report stated that following the approval of a Motion at Full Council in April 2019, the Health and Wellbeing Board had considered reports on the issues in September 2019 and February 2020. In particular, the Board had considered the Action Plan on 18 February 2020, details of which were set out in section 5 of the report.

It was noted during discussion on the item that the Council's involvement in the Medway Food Partnership should not include the provision of any financial subsidies.

Decision number: **Decision:**

The Cabinet supported the establishment of a Medway Food Partnership, with a composition as set out in paragraph 4.1.1 of the report, to develop a systems leadership approach to address food poverty in Medway and develop an Action Plan that aims to reduce food poverty as set out in section 4 of the report.

Reasons:

The establishment of a Medway Food Partnership and the development of an Action Plan will ensure that there is systematic and evidenced based approach to reducing food poverty.

Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report and Risk Register Quarter 3 2019/20

Background:

This report provided details of how the Council had performed during quarter 3 in 2019/20 against the Council's three priorities and the actions being taken to improve performance. There were 44 Council Plan measures for 2019/20, of which it was currently possible to report on 39 as one was data only and four were not available for the reporting quarter.

In summary, 25 out of 39 measures had met or exceeded target, six were slightly below target and eight were significantly below target.

Cabinet, 3 March 2020

The report also presented the quarter 3 2019/20 review of the Strategic Risk Register. Proposed amendments to the Risk Register were set out in paragraphs 2.2-2.4 of the report and the revised Risk Register was attached at Appendix 5 to the report.

It was noted that this report would be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees during March-April 2020.

Decision number: **Decision:**

The Cabinet noted the Q3 2019/20 performance against the measures used to monitor progress against the Council's priorities.

42/2020 The Cabinet agreed the amended Strategic Risk Register as set out in Appendix 5 to the report including:

- (i) The deletion of risks SR25: Non-delivery of Transformation in Adult Social Care, SR33: Impact of Welfare Reform and SR34: successful delivery of the corporate transformation programme from the strategic risk register on the basis that they have met their residual target risk scores as explained in paragraph 2.3 of the report.**
- (ii) The addition of new risk SR39: Lack of resources to keep young people with SEND safe due to increasing demand and complexity of need pressures to the strategic risk register as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report.**

Reasons:

Regular monitoring of performance and risks by management and Members is best practice and ensures achievement of corporate objectives.

Recruitment Freeze

Background:

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

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

Cabinet, 3 March 2020

**Decision
number:**

Decision:

43/2019

The Cabinet agreed to unfreeze the following posts, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report:

Business Support

- a) Senior Valuation Surveyor**
- b) Senior Revenues Officer**
- c) ICT Solutions Analyst**
- d) HR Consultant**

Children and Adults

- e) Youth Offending Team Officer**
- f) School Admissions and Transport Officer
(Assessment and Appeals)**
- g) Placement Officer.**

Reasons:

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

.....
Leader of the Council

.....
Date

Wayne Hemingway, Principal Democratic Services Officer

Telephone: 01634 332509

Email: democratic.services@medway.gov.uk