

Decisions effective from the 10th June 2022 unless they are called in or are recommended to the Council for approval

Cabinet

Minutes of a Meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **26th May 2022**.

Present:

Cllr. Clarkson (Chairman);
Cllr. Bartlett (Vice-Chairman);

Cllrs. Bell, Buchanan, Feacey, Forest, Pickering, Shorter.

Apologies:

Cllr. Iliffe, Chief Executive.

Also Present:

Cllrs. Harman, Ovenden, Sparks.

In attendance:

Deputy Chief Executive, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Director of Health and Wellbeing, Head of Policy and Performance, Communications Officer, Member Services Manager.

16 Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Minute No.
Forest	Made a Voluntary Announcement as one of the Ward Members for Repton, but had not been involved in negotiations.	19

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Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on the 28th April 2022 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

18 Leader's Announcements

The Leader said there were a few matters he wanted to mention this evening. Firstly, the Government had earlier that day announced significant financial help to assist

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with the cost of living crisis which was very welcome and he looked forward to look at the detail of that.

Secondly, he welcomed news received last week of a grant for £750,000 for the South of Ashford Garden Community (which included Chilmington Green, Court Lodge and Kingsnorth Green).

Finally, he said everyone's thoughts would be with the victims of the Texas school shooting earlier that week. 19 young children and two of their teachers had sadly been killed in their school environment and he considered the continued lack of gun control in the United States beggared belief.

19 Repton – Land Acquisition in the HRA

The Portfolio Holder for Housing introduced the report which updated on progress on the acquisition of the land parcel and the discussions on bringing forward the healthcare element.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Land Management reiterated that discussions on the nature of the healthcare facility would happen at a later stage, but he fully supported the acquisition and the funding elements.

Resolved:

- That (i) the acquisition being made under the delegated authority of the Assistant Director – Housing.**
- (ii) the acquisition price of the land, as contained at Exempt Appendix B to the report, be noted.**
- (iii) it be agreed that the funding of £146,000 (£65,000 of which is a sustainable loan to be repaid by 2024), secured from the One Public Estate (OPE), be used to support the feasibility study to identify the facilities that could provide most benefit to the local community, and note that a further report will be presented to Members when this work has been completed.**

20 Equality Policy 2022-24

The Leader introduced the report which presented the draft Equality Policy 2022-24. The policy was a new one, bringing together the Council's statutory responsibilities, equality objectives and areas of focus for the 2022-24 period. Together with the policy was an action plan which explained how the Council planned to deliver its equality objectives over a two year period.

Recommended:

- That (i) the Equality Policy 2022–24 and associated action plan be adopted.**

- (ii) the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of anti-Semitism be adopted.

21 Greater Ashford Environment and Land Mapping Commission – Notes of 12th April 2022

Resolved:

That the Notes of the Meeting of the Greater Ashford Environment and Land Mapping Commission held on the 12th April 2022 be received and noted.

22 Ashford Strategic Delivery Board – Notes of 22nd April 2022

Resolved:

That the Notes of the Meeting of the Ashford Strategic Delivery Board held on the 22nd April 2022 be received and noted.

23 Civic and Ceremonial Programme Board – Notes of 27th April 2022

Resolved:

That the Notes of the Meeting of the Civic and Ceremonial Programme Board held on the 27th April 2022 be received and noted.

24 Compliance and Enforcement Board – Notes of 26th April 2022

Resolved:

That the Notes of the Meeting of the Compliance and Enforcement Board held on the 26th April 2022 be received and noted.

25 IT and Digital Transformation Advisory Committee – Notes of 29th March 2022

Resolved:

That the Notes of the Meeting of the IT and Digital Transformation Advisory Committee held on the 29th March 2022 be received and noted.

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26 Schedule of Key Decisions to be Taken

Resolved:

That the latest Schedule of Key Decisions as set out within the report be received and noted.

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