

Cabinet – Meeting held on Monday, 11th June, 2012.

Present:- Councillors Anderson (Chair), S Chaudhry, Munawar, Pantelic, Parmar, Swindlehurst and Walsh

Also present under Rule 30:- Councillors Strutton and A S Wright

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor P K Mann

PART 1

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2012

Councillor Chaudhry requested that the minutes be amended so as to detail himself as having given apologies as opposed to having been present.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting on 16th April 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the required amendment.

3. Slough Labour Party's Manifesto

The Cabinet was presented with a copy of Slough Labour Party's Manifesto and advised good progress had been made already. Three pledges regarding neighbourhoods and Street Cleaning were now underway. A detailed report regarding Slough's economic position would be presented at the Cabinet's July meeting.

In response to a question the Cabinet was advised that at least 96% of the Council's housing stock was now regarded as meeting the 'decent homes' standard. The majority of homes not in compliance where as a result of access to the properties having been refused.

Resolved – That the Slough Labour Party's Manifesto be noted.

4. General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget Outturn Report 2011/12

The Cabinet was presented with the final outturn position on the General Fund for the year ended 31st March 2012 and was advised that budget monitoring throughout the financial year reflected whether the financial priorities had been met and, if not, would give reasons why. After taking into account the agreed carry-forwards and reserve adjustments, required as part of the 2011/12 closedown process, the Council's service's final outturn for 2011/12 represents a £3.545 (3.12%) under-spend against the agreed budget of £113.758m.

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It was noted that after taking into account all items affecting the Council's General Fund, including the agreed carry-forwards and reserve adjustments the final 2011/12 outturn was an under-spent, enabling a contribution of £1.6m to be made to the General fund balances, increasing the General Fund balance to £7.986m.

The Cabinet congratulated the Officers for having increased the balance of the Council's reserve fund.

Resolved -

- (a) That the final outturn position on the General Fund for the year ended 31st March 2012 be noted.
- (b) That the recommendations regarding required carry forwards in to 2012/13 be approved.
- (c) That the list of required reserve adjustments as part of the closedown process be approved.

5. Services Supporting Behaviour: the future management and co-ordination of this service by schools

The Cabinet was advised of the review of the services provided to schools by the local authority and to identify cost effective options for the future delivery of the services to meet the Council's non statutory duties and responsibilities. Services Supporting Behaviour assisted Slough mainstream schools who managed young children with social, behavioural and emotional difficulties. This was a non statutory service and was funded by the Dedicated Schools Grant and school Service Level Agreements. It was intended that this central service be amalgamated with special school's outreach services, creating a new school-to-school service for behaviour support. It was anticipated that the services would be run jointly by Haybrook College and Littledown School.

The new arrangements would be in line with the new SEN national agenda for the special schools being a resource for mainstream schools alongside the national promotion of school-to-school support networks.

In response to a question, officers advised that the project had not been developed with the Slough academies, however they would be able to buy into the service should they wish to do so.

Resolved -

- (a) That Services Supporting Behaviour (SSB) be exempted from the scope of the main project of the review of services to schools.
- (b) That a robust project plan with timescales and milestones be prepared highlighting the key activities that need to be completed to ensure a smooth transition from the current model to the proposed approach. The project plan will address all the necessary consultation with unions and staff with the intention of completing

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the process for the beginning of the new school year in September 2012 .

- (c) That the next steps associated with transfer of the service be delegated to the Chief Executive following consultation with the Commissioner for Education and Children's Services.

6. Scheme of Delegation to Officers - Executive Functions

The Cabinet considered the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as set out in Part of 3 of the Council's Constitution, insofar as the scheme relates to the executive functions.

Resolved – That the Scheme of Delegation to Officers set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution (as submitted to and agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council) be adopted insofar as the Scheme relates to executive functions.

7. References from Overview and Scrutiny

None.

8. Executive Forward Plan

Resolved - That the Executive Forward Plan be approved.

9. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved – That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item in Part II of the agenda, as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

(The following is a summary of the items considered in Part II of the meeting.)

10. Asset Disposal - 425 Trelawney Avenue

The Cabinet considered and agreed a preferred and second preferred bidder for the sale of 425 Trelawney Avenue and the terms of the Conveyance Agreement.

11. Part II Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2012

The Cabinet approved the Part II minutes.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 7.35 pm)