Forest Heath District Council

MINUTES of the **CABINET** held at the District Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall on Tuesday 27 May 2014 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

J E Waters (Leader)

N A Roman (Deputy Leader)

D W Bowman

S J Edwards

W Hirst

R J Millar

Mrs R E Burt

Councillors C J Barker, C Noble and T Simmons were also in attendance

Also in attendance:

J Bowes, Head of Legal and Democratic Services

I Gallin, Chief Executive

R Mann, Head of Resources and Performance

A Mayley, Head of Economic Development and Growth

A Wilson, Director

S Turner, FHDC Cabinet Officer/Committee Administrator

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

998. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions/statements from members of the public.

999. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 April 2014 were unanimously accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Leader.

001. MINUTES OF JOINT COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND OTHER GROUPS

The minutes of the following Steering Group were received:

West Suffolk Joint Growth Steering Group 31 March 2014

There were no items the subject of formal report or proposition.

002. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved, duly seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the respective Steering Group be approved and that authority is hereby given for such action to be taken as necessary to give effect thereto.

NON KEY DECISIONS

003. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - PROGRAMME UPDATE 2014-2016 (REPORT NO CAB14/146)

The Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and Transport presented this report which explained that a joint Local Development Scheme had been agreed by the Cabinets of both Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council in July 2012.

A revision to the Local Plan timetable was now required, to update progress on the Forest Heath District Council and the St Edmundsbury Borough Council Local Development Plan documents currently in preparation and to roll forward the programme to 2016. The revised timetable was set out in Working Paper 1 to the report.

This report had also been considered by the Local Plan Working Group at their meeting on 8 May 2014, where it had been recommended that the updated programme be published.

With the vote being unanimous, it was

RESOLVED:

That the updated West Suffolk Local Development Scheme programme chart be published (as set out in Working Paper 1 of Report No CAB14/146).

004. ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET'S WORKING GROUP, JOINT COMMITTEES/PANELS AND OTHER GROUPS (REPORT NO CAB14/147) (Decisions Plan Reference: MAY14/03)

The Cabinet Member for Resources, Governance and Performance presented this report which explained that the Cabinet was requested to review and appoint the membership of its Working Group, Joint Committees/Joint Panels and other Groups for the year 2014/2015.

An overarching review of the Council's democratic processes was also currently being undertaken, which aimed to further simplify and align the decision making structures of Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) and St Edmundsbury Borough Council (SEBC), where appropriate, over the longer term. This review would require the input of all councillors in relation to the wider decision making processes of the Councils and approval by full Council. However, the Cabinet was able to review its own processes. Therefore, some initial proposals, consistent with the aims of the wider review, were being made now as part of this Annual Review so that they can be implemented in 2014/2015.

The Cabinet Member also referred to paragraph 4.3.6 of the report which explained that the Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership had indicated that it may wish to revise the number of Members it currently had on its Joint Committee. Therefore, it was considered prudent to continue with the Council's current allocation until notified otherwise.

With the vote being unanimous, it was

RESOLVED:

That:-

1. <u>Local Plan Working Group</u>

- (a) The future direction of the Local Plan Working Group be noted.
- (b) The membership for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

W J Bishop
Mrs R E Burt
W Hirst
R D S Hood
M J Jefferys
Mrs C F J Lynch
R J Millar
W E Sadler
T Simmons

(c) The Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

Chairman - Mrs R E Burt Vice Chairman - R J Millar

2. <u>Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership Joint Committee</u>

- (a) The number of Members on the Joint Committee may be revised by the Partnership, be noted. In the meantime, the Council to continue with its current allocation until notified otherwise.
- (b) The Forest Heath District Council membership for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

S J Edwards N A Roman *(to replace R J Millar)* J E Waters (Substitute) Vacancy (Substitute)

3. <u>Joint Development Management Policies Committee</u>

The Forest Heath District Council membership for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

Mrs R E Burt
D W Bowman
W Hirst
R J Millar (Substitute)
J E Waters (Substitute)

4. <u>West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene</u> Services Joint Committee

With the agreement of the respective Portfolio Holders, it be noted that the Committee was formally dissolved in January 2014.

5. <u>Forest Heath District Council/St Edmundsbury Borough Council Shared Services Steering Group</u>

Following both Cabinets' decisions to dissolve this Steering Group, it be noted this was actioned by Forest Heath District Council on 15 October 2013.

6. West Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Panel

The Forest Heath District Council membership for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

D W Bowman Mrs R E Burt A Drummond N A Roman A J Wheble (Substitute)

7. West Suffolk Joint Health and Safety Panel

- (a) The amendments to the West Suffolk Joint Health and Safety Panel's Terms of Reference be approved, as set out in paragraph 4.3.24 of Report No CAB14/147.
- (b) The Forest Heath District Council membership for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

Mrs R E Burt A Drummond T Simmons J W McGhee (Substitute)

8. West Suffolk Joint Staff Consultative Panel

The Forest Heath District Council membership for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

S J Edwards

G Jaggard

T Simmons

W Hirst (Substitute)

M J Jefferys (Substitute)

9. West Suffolk Joint Growth Steering Group

The Forest Heath District Council membership for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

C J Barker

W J Bishop

D W Bowman

R Dicker

R D S Hood

T J Huggan

W Hirst (Substitute)

C Noble (Substitute)

10. <u>Joint Diversity Working Party</u>

The Forest Heath District Council membership for 2014/2015 be confirmed as:

G Jaggard

R J Millar

005. REVIEW OF THE DECISIONS PLAN (REPORT NO CAB14/148)

The Cabinet was asked to review the Decisions Plan for the period May 2014 to May 2015.

With the vote being unanimous, it was

RESOLVED:

That the Decisions Plan for the period May 2014 to May 2015, attached as an Appendix to Report No CAB14/148, be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.