

COUNCIL UPDATES, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2021

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors Grant, Hussey, McCormick, Mellor and Vaux

2. Declarations of interest

No update – as set out on the agenda

3. Minutes of the meetings held on 27 May 2021

The Chair will move that the minutes of the meeting be signed as a correct record. The only part of the minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy.

No update – as set out on the agenda

4. Announcements

To be made on the evening

5. Questions from members of the public

To receive and answer any questions from the public.
(Questions must be received in writing by Democratic Services no later than noon on Tuesday 13 July 2021)

From: Francesca Maritan

To: Cabinet Member for Homes and Housing Regeneration

At the cabinet meeting 9 March 2021, when the covenant maintaining 180 Culver Road for child services was over-turned unanimously by Cabinet, Cllr Simon Bound stated that “we are not in the game of moving problems about but in the game of solving problems”.

Two Saints, the likely operator of the proposed new homeless shelter at 180 Culver Road, has confirmed in correspondence with me that that “we need to work alongside a wide range of agencies including police, community safety teams, drug and alcohol services, mental health teams and community groups to enable our clients to access the support they need”.

Could the cabinet member explain how moving a hostel from the town centre - with its close proximity and easy access to all such services - to a residential community further away, populated by older more vulnerable adults and young families helps to solve the underlying causes of homelessness and the challenges that it poses in our Borough?

6. Petitions

To receive petitions.

(Notice of petitions must be received in writing by Democratic Services, no later than noon on Tuesday 13 July 2021)

1) Councillor P Harvey - Increased Parking Permit Charges

2) David Orchard and Stephanie Coombs – 180 Culver Road

7. Resignations and appointments

a) to receive resignations from Committees and to make any necessary re-appointments

b) to receive resignations from Outside Bodies and to make any re-appointments and (ii) fill any existing vacancies.

No update – as set out on the agenda

8. Malls Lifts Replacement and Refurbishment

Recommendation from the Cabinet Meeting held on 6 July 2021

That council approve the addition to the council's capital programme of a scheme to replace lifts 4 & 5 at the Malls with approval to spend in 2021/22 and 2022/23 to be funded from capital in the sum of £0.3m.

No update – as set out on the agenda

9. Capital Programme Outturn for 2020/21

Recommendation from the Cabinet Meeting held on 6 July 2021

That Council approve recommendations 1.9 to 1.11 as set out in the report.

1.9 The capital programme changes as detailed in Appendix 3 including scheme virements detailed in paragraph 4.6 relating to the Aquadrome, further detailed in paragraph 4.3; Open Space Improvements; and Wade Road Washdown Facility.

1.10 An increase in the Aquadrome Scheme of £0.524M giving a scheme total of £1.663M in 2021/22. This will be funded from a virement of £0.383M future years funding from the Sport &

Recreation (S106) scheme, with a further £0.141M to be funded from capital receipts.

- 1.11 The revised capital programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25 as shown in Appendix 4 and the programme financing as shown in paragraph 5.1.

No update – as set out on the agenda

10. Revenue Outturn Report and Covid-19 Financial Impact Update 2020/21

Recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 6 July 2021

That Council approve recommendation 7 as set out in the report.

7. The transfer of the outturn surplus of £2.55M to earmarked reserves – Covid-19 Grants Reserve £0.89M; Budget Carry Forward Reserve £0.46M; and MTFS Risk Reserve £1.20M as detailed in section 3.

No update – as set out on the agenda

11. Treasury Management Annual Report 2020/21

Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer)

No update – as set out on the agenda

12. Amendments to and Development of the Constitution

Report of the Monitoring Officer

- 1) With reference to recommendation 4 set out in the report, the Standards Committee at its meeting on 12 July 2021 considered the amendments to the Councillor's Code of Conduct set out in Appendix 3 and recommend to Council that the amendments to the current Councillor's Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 3 be approved.
- 2) Please note a typographical error in recommendation 5. The recommendation should refer to paragraph 3.7 of the report and not 3.8 as stated.

13. Interim Arrangements for the Role of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer

Report of the Chief Executive

No update – as set out on the agenda

14. Ombudsman Decision 20 003 006

Report of the Monitoring Officer

No update – as set out on the agenda

15. Standards Committee Annual Report

Report of the Monitoring Officer

No update – as set out on the agenda

16. Adjourned Motion from the Council meeting held on 18 March 2021 - Protection and enhancement of the North Hampshire Downs

Proposer: Councillor Ruffell

Seconder: Councillor McCormick

The North Hampshire Downs need to have a protected designation to conserve and enhance its natural beauty for the benefit of the natural environment, its residents and the surrounding communities. The North Hampshire Downs stretches from Dummer in the West to Ewshot in the east. It is rich in ancient woodland and provides undisturbed habitats for wildlife and fauna and has 4 SSSI's. It is the source of tributaries that feed the rivers Itchen, Hart, Loddon, Lyde, Wey and Whitewater. Its landscape value has been recognised in part by the designation of Grade 1 parkland at Hackwood and the protection of trees at Queen's View in Ewshot. It remains remote in terms of having dark skies, lack of connection to mains gas and drainage, and landscapes where no buildings or roads can be seen. The landscape is enjoyed by walkers, cyclists and horse riders from those who live in and near to the North Hampshire Downs. It is regarded as a green lung for the residents of Basingstoke. The North Wessex Downs AONB has reached out to the North Hampshire Downs with a view to exploring designation so that the chalk landscapes can become connected to those of the South Downs National Park. The beautiful landscape of the North Hampshire Downs and the natural environment that it sustains is under threat from expanding populations around its edges. The natural environment within the North Hampshire Downs is in urgent need of protection and restoration. Therefore, this Council requests:

1. That the Council urgently asks Officers and the EPH Committee to examine working with residents, neighbouring designated areas, neighbouring district and county councils and other interested bodies to seek designation from Natural England for the North Hampshire Downs as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
2. That the Council asks Officers and the EPH Committee to examine working with residents, neighbouring designated areas, neighbouring district and county councils, Natural England and

other interested bodies to establish a nature recovery network for the North Hampshire Downs area.

The Proposer, with the agreement of the Seconder has withdrawn the Motion.

17. Notice of Motion - Flytipping

Proposer: Councillor Donohoe

Seconder: Councillor Tustain

Council notes:

- The continuing increase in fly tipping and concerns raised by many residents in both rural and urban areas of Basingstoke about the apparent unchecked growth of this criminal activity.
- The widespread upset caused by the effect this has on their environment, the associated health and safety issues, and the dangers of a further acceleration of this problem.
- The connection residents make between this growing problem, and increased charges/reduced availability of bulky waste collection/household waste recycling centres.
- The high costs incurred by the borough in managing this problem, the lack of clarity over those costs, any income received from prosecutions, and any correlation with HWRC's and the bulky waste service.

Council requests Cabinet:

- To introduce clear financial tracking of the costs of clearing up fly tipping and any associated works, and the enforcement of fly tipping offences.
- To produce a statement detailing any monies returned to the borough through enforcement measures, and the impact of increased charges and decreased availability of HWRC access and bulky waste collections.
- To move swiftly to implement a credible and effective enforcement strategy. This will include an expansion of the use of CCTV cameras, both fixed and mobile. Officers will work with local councillors to help identify and prioritise target sites across the whole borough.
- To ask the new Cabinet portfolio-holder to draw up a new plan to reduce fly-tipping, including proposals to enhance access to local recycling facilities.

Council resolves:

- To ask the Scrutiny committee to review the insufficient progress made by the previous Cabinet portfolio-holder and CEP Committee to deal with the problem of fly tipping.

The proposer and seconder have altered the wording to the motion in the final bullet point to read:

Council resolves:

- To ask the Scrutiny committee to review the progress made by the previous Cabinet portfolio-holder in dealing with the problem of fly tipping.

18. Questions from Members of the Council on notice

1) From: Cllr McKay

To: The Cabinet Member for Communities, Planning and Infrastructure

The future of the Haymarket Theatre.

At a time when there is great concern in the community about its future it is very fitting that tonight's meeting of the Council should be happening right here in the Haymarket Theatre. The Haymarket Theatre is undeniably a valuable cultural community asset and essential to the arts in Basingstoke and to the regeneration of the Top of the Town. With the current funding and management arrangement having less than a year to run; it is time to ensure all options for the future are considered.

Members may be aware that the New Horseshoe Theatre Company has recently been formed with the express purpose of giving this our much-loved Haymarket Theatre a new vision and a new lease of life.

Can the portfolio holder confirm that due consideration will be given to the New Horseshoe, The Anvil Trust and all other parties that may be interested in operating the Haymarket Theatre and outline the process to be followed from identifying interested parties through to implementation of new arrangements and terms of reference?

2) From: Cllr A Bowes

To: Cabinet Member for Homes and Housing Regeneration

Exploring new opportunities to provide homes.

Back in December of 2018, Council unanimously supported the motion "EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE HOMES". The motion recognised that an affordable home is vital for people. For

families, for key workers and those just starting out in life, who cannot even afford to rent privately, let alone buy their own home. It called on us to rise to the challenge of the nation's housing crisis.

The motion requested that work be undertaken to explore opportunities to build more social and affordable housing in our Borough to tackle our ever-growing waiting list. In particular, it was expected that the work would provide answers to important questions such as:

- Are there opportunities for the council to build or invest in social and affordable housing?
- Are there further opportunities to generate income for local services by making such investments.
- Can we improve the match between housing stock and housing need in our Borough?

Can the Portfolio Holder update Council on the work undertaken in the intervening two and a half years and what has been achieved as a result of the motion?

3) From: Cllr G James

To: Cabinet Member for Recycling, Waste and Regulatory Services

Car parking charges in Eastrop Park.

The Council is currently consulting on the introduction of car parking charges in Eastrop Park. Users will look to the free two-hour parking available in immediately adjacent roads to the detriment of residents. Others will migrate further into the Riverdene estate taking precious and limited parking to avoid the charges. Extending on street parking schemes will be almost impossible to enforce given the mix of private and highway land and leave residents with a £100 a year permit bill. Given the complexity of introducing these charges, does he agree that including this revenue stream in the budget was premature?

19. Questions to the Chair of Cabinet and/or a committee

To receive questions from members in relation to the minutes of the meetings detailed below:

Committee	Meeting Date
Council	25 February 2021
Human Resources	1 March 2021
Economic, Planning and Housing	4 March 2021
Cabinet	9 March 2021
Development Control	10 March 2021
Standards	15 March 2021
Community, Environment, Partnerships	17 March 2021
Council	18 March 2021
Scrutiny	23 March 2021

Audit and Accounts	29 March 2021
Development Control	7 April 2021
Development Control	28 April 2021
Council (Mayor Making)	27 May 2021
Council (Selection)	27 May 2021
Development Control	9 June 2021
Economic, Planning and Housing	10 June 2021
Manydown Overview	16 June 2021

No update – as set out on the agenda