

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES

Tuesday, 5th March, 2024

Present: Cllr M D Boughton (Chair), Cllr R P Betts, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr K B Tanner and Cllr M Taylor

Virtual: Councillors Mrs S Bell, J Clokey, S Crisp, Mrs A S Oakley, M R Rhodes and Mrs M Tatton participated via MS Teams in accordance with Access to Information Rule No 23.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Keers.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

CB 24/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

CB 24/36 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13 February 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

CB 24/37 DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET MEMBERS

Details of the Decisions taken in accordance with the rules for the making of decisions by executive members, as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, were presented for information.

CB 24/38 NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING KEY DECISIONS

Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions for April 2024 was presented for information.

CB 24/39 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matters be considered in private.

PART 2 - PRIVATE**DECISIONS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION****EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISIONS****CB 24/40 WINDMILL LANE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITE**

(Decision Notice D240029CAB)

(Reasons: LGA 1972 – Sch 12A Paragraph 5 – Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings)

Careful consideration was given to options in respect of the future management arrangement of the Windmill Lane Gypsy and Traveller site following transfer of the management of the site from Kent County Council to the Borough Council on 31 March 2024.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) in principle, subject to a legal position being agreed, the management of the Windmill Lane Gypsy and Traveller site be carried out by Kent County Council during the 2024/25 financial year;
- (2) the one-year management cost for 2024/25 be funded from Budget Stabilisation;
- (3) authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing, to conclude negotiations on the management agreement; and
- (4) it be noted that Kent County Council's ongoing review of asset management meant that options for management beyond this 12-month period would need to be fully explored and presented to Members again in a timely manner to ensure that appropriate arrangements would be in place for management of the Windmill Lane site from 1 April 2025.

The meeting ended at 7.40 pm