

Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

Location: Harborough Innovation Centre, Airfield Business Park, Leicester Road, Market Harborough, LE16



Date: 10th June 2024 commencing at 6.30pm

Present:

Councillors: P. Knowles (Chair) - Leader of the Council
J. Asher - Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Economy, and Tourism
P. Beadle - Portfolio Holder for Corporate
M. Graves – Portfolio Holder for Finance
J. Knight – Portfolio Holder for Wellbeing
D. Woodiwiss – Portfolio Holder for Environmental & Climate Change

Officers: J. Richardson- Chief Executive
L. Elliott – Deputy Chief Executive
C. Mason – Section 151 Officer (online)
D. Atkinson – Director of Planning
C. Hartley – Director of Communities
E. Bird – Head of Regulatory Services
I. Bartlett – Environmental Health Team Leader – Environment
S. Hamilton – Interim Senior Democratic Services Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Galton, Portfolio Holder for Planning.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were none.

3. Minutes

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Graves and seconded by Councillor Woodiwiss. Therefore, the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2024 were accepted as a true record.

4. Air Quality Update – Annual Status Report 2024

The Portfolio Holder for Environmental and Climate Change introduced the report. The report set out the work undertaken during the calendar year of 2023 in relation to air quality across the whole of the district. Over the past few years, the annual average levels of Nitrogen Dioxide in Lutterworth have been below the National Air Quality Objective levels and based on the levels it was considered appropriate to revoke the current Air Quality Management Order for Lutterworth.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Woodiwiss and seconded by Councillor Knight, and therefore:

It was **RESOLVED** that Cabinet:

1. Approve the 2024 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) for submission to DEFRA as set out in Appendix A of the report.
2. Approve the revocation of the Lutterworth AQMA as set out in Appendix B of the report.

5. Creation of a Market Harborough Special Expenses Working Party

The Leader of the Cabinet introduced the report and outlined that there had been an informal meeting to discuss the workings of the new panel. It was suggested that the name of the committee be changed from 'Market Harborough Special Expenses Working Party' to 'Market Harborough Special Expenses Advisory Panel', as the Panel would be advising the Cabinet, and the Cabinet would be decision-making body. This was proposed by Councillor Woodiwiss and seconded by Councillor Asher.

It was suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel be members of the Cabinet. However, it was voted unanimously that the members of the Panel would vote on it's Chair and Vice Chair at the first meeting.

The date of the first meeting of the Panel has been suggested as 23rd July 2024. This was proposed by Councillor Woodiwiss and seconded by Councillor Asher.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cabinet:

1. Approve the creation of the Market Harborough Special Expenses Advisory Panel.
2. Recommend to the Advisory Panel that:
 - At the first meeting of the Panel, the members would vote on who would be Chair and Vice Chair.
 - The first meeting of the Market Harborough Special Expenses Advisory Panel be on 23rd July 2024.

6. Any Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting ended at 19:00.