

**HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING**

held at:

Council Chamber, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street,

Market Harborough, LE16 7AG

10 July 2023

commencing at 6.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Beadle, Galton, Graves, Knight, Knowles (Chair), Woodiwiss

Officers: Kay Aitken – Business Planning Officer, Carolyn Bland – Head of Financial Services, Liz Elliott – Interim Chief Executive, Christine Elsasser – Democratic Services Officer, Vicki Jessop – Director of Wellbeing and Communities, Ella Newman – Democratic Services Officer, Clare Pattinson – Director of Law & Governance

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Whitmore.

### **2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record.

### **4. PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY REVIEW REPORT**

The Portfolio Holder for Planning introduced the report which presented the outcomes of the Playing Pitch Strategy review.

It was explained that the Playing Pitch Strategy review had been produced in consultation with National Governing Bodies for sports, Sport England, Sports Clubs, Sports Facility Providers and officers of the Council. The Playing Pitch Strategy Review made recommendations for: Football, Cricket, Rugby Union, Hockey, Tennis, Bowls, Outdoor Netball and Rounders.

The overall purpose of the Playing Pitch Strategy review was to update both the evidence base and the strategic direction for the provision of outdoor sporting facilities in Harborough District. The revised Strategy provided a recommendation and action plan to satisfy Sport England requirements and informed future investment in outdoor sport and recreation.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet support the adoption of the Playing Pitch Strategy Review and Action Plan.

### **Reasons for Recommendation**

The Review of the Playing Pitch Strategy 2022 updated the adopted Playing Pitch Strategy 2018 and supported the following Corporate Objectives of Harborough District Council:

- Community leadership to create a sense of pride in our place;
- Promoting health and wellbeing and encouraging healthy life choices;
- Creating a sustainable environment to protect future generations;
- Supporting businesses and residents to deliver a prosperous local economy.

As part of the vision the Corporate Plan seeks to 'shape our district to be an outstanding destination for both business and leisure'. Key Activity KA.01.04 seeks an outcome that 'Residents would be able to access local community facilities for sport, physical and community activity to complement the district's leisure centres'.

Critical Outcome CO8 seeks to achieve that: 'Activity will be increased, through the use of active travel routes and the provision of a varied leisure offer throughout the district'.

The updated Strategy would ensure that investment in outdoor sports meets the priorities and demands of each sport and allows clubs to secure external funding where appropriate.

### **5. PERFORMANCE REPORT, QUARTER 4 2022-2023 SCRUTINY**

The Deputy Chief Financial Officer introduced the report (on behalf of the Portfolio Holder) that covered performance monitoring of the corporate plan for quarter 4 (Jan – March 23).

**RESOLVED** that the Scrutiny Performance Panel consider and comment on the contents of this report.

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The Council's Performance Management Framework required that both Scrutiny and the Cabinet have a role in monitoring the performance of the Council against its Corporate Delivery Plan.

### **6. 2022/23 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT – OUTTURN QUARTER 4 (Year ending 31 March 2023)**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance introduced the report which set out the financial position (outturn) for the year ending 31 March 2023 for revenue and capital. Revenue was underspent by £4k, a variance of 0.03% to the approved budget. Capital was overspent by £59k.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Cabinet considered the financial performance report and comments on the Outturn (31st March 2023) as detailed within the report and associated appendices.
2. The Cabinet approves the Revenue Carry Forwards detailed in Appendix 5 totalling £220k into 2023/24.
3. The Cabinet approves the Capital Carry Forwards (slippage) detailed in Appendix 6 totalling £7,184k into 2023/24.

### **Reasons for Recommendation**

Good financial governance required the Cabinet to consider and comment on the financial outturn for 2022/23. Such commentary demonstrated to customers, partners, and stakeholders that the Council were actively considering the financial environment within which the Council were operating.

### **7. TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT BUSINESS (to be decided by the Leader)**

There were no matters of special urgency.

The meeting ended at 19:01