

# **DARTFORD**

## **BOROUGH COUNCIL**

# **Cabinet Advisory Panel B**

A meeting of the above Panel will be held on

**Monday 2 September 2019**

Councillor M J Davis (Chairman)  
Councillor D Swinerd (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor E H Ben Moussa  
Councillor J Burrell  
Councillor R M Currans  
Councillor L H K Edie  
Councillor A Gaskin  
Councillor D A Hammock  
Councillor P M Harman

Councillor R A S Jones  
Councillor C S McLean  
Councillor D J Mote  
Councillor A J Oakley-Dow  
Councillor T Oliver  
Councillor R S L Perfitt  
Councillor A S Sandhu, MBE  
Councillor Mrs R F Storey

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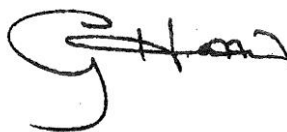
**Thursday 5 September 2019**

Councillor J A Kite, MBE  
(Chairman)  
Councillor S H Brown  
Councillor R J Wells

Councillor C J Shippam  
(Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor A R Lloyd

Councillor Mrs A D Allen, MBE  
Councillor Mrs P A Thurlow

Both meetings will be held at 7.00pm at the Civic Centre, Dartford



Managing Director  
*Wednesday 28 August 2019*

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**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive declarations of interest from Members including the terms(s) of the Grant of Dispensation (if any) by the Audit Board or Managing Director.
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 July 2019 (Pages 1 - 6)**
4. **Urgent Items**  
The Chairman will announce his decision as to whether there are any urgent items and their position on the agenda.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC**

5. **To receive the minutes of the Cabinet Advisory Panel held on 2 September 2019**  
*To follow*
6. **References from Committees**  
*None at this stage.*

**A - Strategies, Policies, Key Decisions, Consultations**

7. **Future High Streets Fund Bid (Pages 7 - 34)**

Summary:

This is a key decision as the Council could incur expenditure or savings beyond the threshold agreed by the Council.

The report provides the Cabinet with details of the Future High Streets Fund bid and sets out the next stages in the bidding process.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) is looking for 'shovel ready' schemes as part of the bidding process. They have now advised that to be considered as 'shovel ready', the scheme would need to have planning in place. In order to progress the Co-op project so that it can form a central part of the

Council's bid, the developer for this project now needs to push forward with the planning application. The developer would normally wait until any viability issues with the scheme have been addressed before submitting a planning application. Therefore, the Council will need to underwrite the planning fees to the sum of £1.4m to mitigate the developer's risk in the event that the scheme is unable to proceed.

Recommendations:

1. That progress on the Future High Streets Fund bid be noted; and
  2. That the Council underwrites the planning application fee(s), in the sum of £1.4M, in respect of the Co-Op scheme, in the event that the scheme does not proceed.
8. **Consultation on Changes to the Transport for London Bus Services 428 and 492 (Pages 35 - 48)**

Summary:

To report proposed changes to bus routes 428 and 492, currently subject to public consultation, identify the impacts and a recommended response to the consultation.

Recommendations:

1. That the concerns highlighted in paragraphs 3.7-3.12, 3.16-17 and Appendix B to the report be the basis for a formal objection to Transport for London's consultation, in particular to not support the proposed changes to bus route 492; and
2. That officers continue to liaise with Transport for London, Kent County Council and non-Transport for London bus service operators beyond the consultation closing date of 10 September 2019 to seek a resolution that will alleviate the impact of proposed changes on customers in the Dartford area, in line with the identified mitigations sought, as set out in paragraph 3.19.

## **B - Non-Key Decisions, Monitoring Reports**

9. **Review of Charging Periods for Highfield Road Car Parks (Pages 49 - 54)**

Summary:

To consider the current car park charging periods in the Town Centre area following public representations at the Joint Transportation Board meeting on 11 June 2019 relating to the Highfield Road (Spring Vale) car park and a review of the usage of the Highfield Road (South) car park.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet considers the content of the report and determines whether to continue or amend the charging regimes for Highfield Road (Spring Vale) and Highfield Road (South) car parks.

10. **Kent Health and Safety Flexible Warrants (Pages 55 - 58)**

Summary:

To consider the potential benefits to the local authority through participation in a Kent wide Local Authority Health and Safety Flexible Warranting Scheme.

Recommendation:

That Dartford Borough Council be a signatory to the Kent Health and Safety Flexible Warrant Scheme.

**C - Items for Information, Noting, Endorsing**

11. **Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman - Annual Review Letter 2019 (Pages 59 - 74)**

Summary:

To receive and note the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Annual Review Letter 2019.

Recommendation:

That the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Annual Review Letter 2019, attached at Appendix A to the report and the corresponding data tables at Appendices B, C and D to the report, be noted.

12. **Corporate Plan Key Actions and Performance Indicators for Quarter 1 - 2019/20 (Pages 75 - 94)**

Summary:

To report progress against the latest set of Corporate Plan key actions and performance indicators for quarter 1 of 2019/20.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet notes the contents of the key action and performance indicator monitoring reports attached at Appendices A and B to the report.

13. **Minutes of the Policy Overview Committee held on 18 June 2019 (Pages 95 - 104)**

Summary:

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Overview Committee held on 18 June 2019.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Overview Committee on 18 June 2019 be noted.

14. **Minutes of the Strategic Housing Board on 10 July 2019 (Pages 105 - 110)**

Summary:

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Housing Board held on 10 July 2019.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Housing Board on 10 July 2019 be noted.