

CABINET
Thursday 28 January 2021

AGENDA

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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 Strategic Director (Internal Services).

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 December 2020 (Pages 1 - 12)

Summary:

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 December 2020 as an accurate record.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 December 2020 be agreed as an accurate record.

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 25 January 2021

To follow

6. References from Committees

None at this stage.

A - Strategies, Policies, Key Decisions, Consultations

7. Draft Rent Arrears Policy (Pages 13 - 56)

Summary:

To consider a revised draft Rent Arrears Policy to replace the previous version. The draft Policy takes account of various updates because of the introduction of Universal Credit; the provisions in the Pre-Action Protocol for Possession Claims by Social Landlords; and the changes to the possession proceedings' process during the coronavirus pandemic

Recommendations:

1. That the draft Rent Arrears Policy, attached at Appendix A to the report, be approved; and
2. That the Strategic Director (External Services) be granted delegated authority to make in-year amendments to the approved draft Rent Arrears Policy, as necessitated by changes in legislation or Government guidance.

B - Non-Key Decisions, Monitoring Reports

8. National Non-Domestic Rate Relief 2021-22 (Pages 57 - 74)

Summary:

To consider granting discretionary rate relief to ratepayers who have made applications in respect of 2021/22 or who will have made an application by 1 March 2021.

Recommendation:

That the maximum level of discretionary rate relief for 2021/22 for the organisations listed in Appendix A to the report be determined in accordance with the detailed recommendations set out in Appendix A

9. Planning Services Sub-Delegations (Pages 75 - 106)

Summary:

To seek authority to delegate to Officers, the functions related to Neighbourhood Plans and the deferrals of CIL payment requests, for the reasons outlined in the body of the report.

Recommendation:

That, authority be delegated to Officers to undertake the Neighbourhood Plan functions and the deferral of CIL payments, as

detailed in the Planning Services Sub delegations, at Appendix A to the report

C - Items for Information, Noting, Endorsing

10. **Draft Calendar of Meetings 2021/22 and 2022/23 (Pages 107 - 112)**

Summary:

To consider the proposed calendar of meetings for 2021/22 and the provisional calendar of meetings for 2022/23.

Recommendation:

That the proposed calendar of meetings for 2021/22 and the provisional calendar of meetings for 2022/23 be submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Council.

11. **Delegated Items under Standing Order 38: Street Naming and Numbering (Pages 113 - 120)**

Summary:

To report to Cabinet, in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 38(2)(b), the delegated action taken under Standing Order 38(2)(a) by the Strategic Director (Internal Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Chairman, relating to the approval of new road names for a development at the rear of 39 Brentfield Road and for the first phase of development in the Western Cross locality of Ebbsfleet Valley.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet note the action taken by the Strategic Director (Internal Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Chairman, under Standing Order 38(2)(a), to approve new road names for a development at the rear of 39 Brentfield Road and for the first phase of development in the Western Cross locality of Ebbsfleet Valley.