

## **CABINET**

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Friday, 6 July 2018 at 4.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

### **Present**

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Steve Pitt  
Dave Ashmore  
Ben Dowling  
Darren Sanders  
Lynne Stagg  
Matthew Winnington  
Rob Wood

#### **27. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cabinet Members Councillors Suzy Horton and Jeanette Smith.

#### **28. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)**

There were no declarations of personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests, however during discussion of the Local Plan update Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson reported that he is a council appointee on PUSH, which the City Solicitor advised was not a prejudicial interest.

#### **29. Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 19 June 2018 (AI 3)**

DECISION: the record of the previous decision meeting held on 19 June 2018 was agreed as a correct record to be signed by the Leader.

#### **30. Annual Appointments to Outside Bodies - update (AI 4)**

A deputation was made by Mr Jerry Brown who asked that independent representatives be made to some further bodies; deputations are not minuted in full but can be viewed as part of the webcast meeting here:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Full-Cabinet-06Jul2018>

Councillor Vernon-Jackson thanked Mr Brown for his deputation and indicated that where companies are wholly owned by PCC there is an argument for an independent voice, but for the property portfolio this was core business for PCC.

DECISIONS: Appointments were made to fill some of the vacancies to outside bodies, which are listed on a separate schedule.

#### **31. Armed Forces Champion and Liaison Members (AI 5)**

Councillor Vernon-Jackson reported that he had spoken with Councillor Jonas who had kindly agreed to take on the Armed Forces Representative role to act on behalf of the Armed Forces Champion when required.

**DECISION: Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE was appointed as the Lead Armed Forces Champion and Councillor Frank Jonas was appointed to act as the Armed Forces Representative at times when the Champion is unavailable.**

### **32. Local Plan Progress (AI 6)**

Claire Upton-Brown, Assistant Director City Development and Toby Ayling, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the report which set out the timetable leading to public inquiry and the progress to date made with some partners in PUSH regarding deliverability of expected housing numbers. There would be more central government guidance on household projections in September and regarding a standardised approach to student housing. The timetable had been adjusted to consult on the draft plan at the end of the year with the formal consultation in summer 2019. If further adjustments were needed a report would be brought back to Cabinet.

Councillor Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, asked how many new houses per year were being delivered in Portsmouth? It was reported that the figure was approximately 400 per year since 2014. Councillor Vernon-Jackson noted that the Housing Needs Assessment figure were 584/740 (as seen in the table in section 12 of the report) whereas only 400 new dwellings per year were being delivered, and the government target was at the higher figure of 868, which would mean that the city was likely to be penalised for not being able to reach this.

Discussion took place regarding the 'duty to co-operate' with neighbouring authorities (in the local travel-to-work area) and the need to convince the Planning Inspectorate that efforts have been made to do this (otherwise the Local Plan can be sent back for further work). There is also the need to demonstrate how growth will be delivered via infrastructure.

It was therefore with reluctance that the Cabinet supported the officer recommendations and added a fourth resolution.

#### **The Cabinet:**

- (1) Noted the issues raised in this report and endorsed the proposed approach to dealing with them;**
- (2) Endorsed the approach to engagement with neighbouring authorities under the Duty to Cooperate;**
- (3) Approved the proposed revised timetable for the Local Plan set out in the new Local Development Scheme.**
- (4) regret the decision of the government to move away from locally produced and evidenced housing needs targets to a top down housing target created by national formula being imposed that has no relation to local housing need, the geographic constraints of being an island city or of our historic ability to deliver housing builds.**

**33. Standing Order 58 - Charlotte Street (AI 7)**

**DECISION:** The urgent decision taken under SO58 was noted.

The meeting concluded at 4.40 pm.

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Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE  
Leader of the Council