

CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 6 January 2014 at 12.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson (in the Chair)

Councillors Jason Fazackarley
Mike Hancock
Lee Hunt
Leo Madden
Rob Wood
Hugh Mason
Darren Sanders

1. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Eleanor Scott.

The Leader introduced and welcomed to the meeting Dr Janet Maxwell the new Director of Public Health.

2. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

3. Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 2 December 2013 (AI 3)

DECISION: That the record of decisions of the Cabinet Meeting of 2 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair accordingly.

4. Clarification of Minute 81 - Scrap Metal Fees (AI 4)

DECISION: that minute 81, resolution (3) be clarified to read:

The Cabinet approved the fees as set out in the original report considered by the Licensing Committee with the exception that the fee for the grant and renewal of a site licence should be increased from £450 to £1000.

5. Car Boot Sales (AI 5)

(Report by the Seafront Manager)

Councillor Eddis had indicated that he would be attending but was represented by Councillor Hugh Mason. Councillor Mason wished to amend recommendation 1 regarding the exact siting of the car boot sales at different times of the year.

DECISIONS:

- (1) Cabinet agreed that future car boot sales on the seafront will be held in D-day Car Park from October until March and from April to September (dates are inclusive) when there is inclement weather with priority in the summer to be given to using the land adjacent to the Skate Park with the alternative use of land at the eastern side of Pier Road when there are events at Castle Field and/or land by the Skate Park.**
- (2) That a full trial for one year from February 2014 will take place under the same terms and conditions as for the previous test sales.**

6. Effective School Governance Strategy (AI 6)

(Report by the Director of Children's and Adults' Services)

DECISIONS:

That Cabinet:

- (1) Adopted the Effective School Governance Strategy and approve the action plan.**
- (2) Delegated authority to the Director of Children's and Adults' Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education, Children and Young People to:**
 - (i) Further develop the medium- and long-term actions outlined in the action plan;**
 - (ii) Agree the arrangements for governance and performance management of the strategy's delivery.**

7. Textile Banks - allocation of income (AI 7)

(Report by the Head of Transport)

Whilst Councillor Stubbs had indicated he may wish to speak on this item (and agenda item 11 on City Deal) he was not present at the meeting. The Cabinet members were supportive of the efforts to significantly increase recycling rates.

DECISIONS:

- (1) That the addition of 35 new textile banks across the city, with the aim of raising recycling rates, is supported.**

- (2) That the first call on the anticipated £60k income earned from textile bring banks (previously run by charities and located on City Council controlled land) be to the charities, then to the City Council as providers of the service (of up to the £100k mark of income), thereafter should there be a surplus this be put into a pot to be distributed between local charities.
- (3) That the council continues to support and promote the use of textile banks across the city as a way to raise money for local and national charities, and increase the level of recycling.
- (4) That all textile banks will be branded in the same way to reflect that they are supporting local and national charities, and a promotional campaign will begin in 2014 designed to increase the use of these banks.
- (5) That the council supports those charities who previously had textile banks on city council land, by making a donation to them for each tonne of textiles collected. This donation will be the same for each charity (per tonne of textiles received) and based upon the top end of the average range from an independently recognised index. Any remaining income would be used to support the continuation of council services and support local charities.
- (6) That the success of the contract, levels of recycling, and donations, are reviewed on an annual basis.

8. Forward Plan Omissions (AI 8)

The Forward Plan omission arrangements were noted.

9. Provision of free school meals for infant aged children (AI 9)

(Report by the Director of Children's and Adults' Services)

The Cabinet Members were supportive of this government initiative to improve educational attainment levels.

DECISIONS:

Cabinet Members:

- (1) noted the report and the financial implications;
- (2) authorised officers to immediately proceed with the procurement of capital works and purchase of equipment / vehicles as set out in paragraphs 5.5, 5.6 and 5.9 at an estimated minimum cost of £367,265, in order to achieve the implementation date of September 2014;

- (3) acknowledged the School Forum's agreement in principle to provide a voluntary revenue contribution from Primary and Infant Schools towards the cost of any capital shortfall for the new investment / infrastructure that will be required to implement the new free school meal arrangements.**

10. Calculation of the tax base for 2014/15 and estimation of the Council tax collection fund balance at 31st March 2014 (AI 10)

(Report by the Head of Financial Services and Head of Revenues and Benefits)

DECISIONS:

- (1) That in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as its Council Tax Base for 2014/15 shall be 51,532.1**
- (2) That in accordance with The Local Authorities (Funds) (England) Regulations 1992 as amended, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as the surplus on its Collection Fund at 31 March 2014 shall be £1.4 million.**

11. City Deal (AI 11)

(Report by the Chief Executive)

DECISIONS:

- (1) The City Deal Sites aims as set out in this report and agreed with the Government are approved.**
- (2) The City Deal Sites Governance arrangements set out in section 7 are approved.**
- (3) Subject to the Governance arrangements set out in section 7 authority to implement the City Deal Sites proposals as set out in this report is delegated to the Strategic Director Regeneration and Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer.**
- (4) The attached financial appraisal for the City Deal sites is approved and the Corporate Capital Programme is amended to reflect the revised capital budgets.**
- (5) Authority to implement the skills, labour market and business support proposals as set out in this report is delegated to the Strategic Director Regeneration and Head of Financial Services**

**and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader and
Cabinet Member PRED.**

12. Dates of Future Meetings of Cabinet (AI 12)

DECISIONS:

Scheduled dates for the next municipal year are:

**9 June, 7 July, 6 October, 3 November, 8 December
5 January 2015, 2 February & 2 March**

**An additional special meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 January 2014
at 12 noon regarding Palmerston Road.**

The meeting concluded at 12.05 pm.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Leader of the Council