

CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at 12.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Suzy Horton
Chris Attwell
Kimberly Barrett
Darren Sanders
Jason Fazackarley
Lee Hunt
Steve Pitt
Matthew Winnington

142. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Lynne Stagg.

143. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

144. Record of Decision Meeting 25 October 2022 (AI 3)

DECISION

The record of decisions from the meeting held on 25 October 2022 were approved as a correct record

145. Cost of Living Support; Household Support Fund (AI 4)

Mark Sage, Tackling Poverty Coordinator presented the report.

Members thanked officers for the hard work in relation to this fund and noted how important it is for the Council to help those in hardship across the city.

Members noted the information at 3.1.11 of the report regarding the effects of the reduction in universal credit in October 2021 negating benefits of the fund and commented that the Council's job is to work with partners and the public will to maximise the positive effects for residents.

Members drew attention to the issue of Government money that was previously going to the EU and questioned what this money is now being allocated to. It is important that this money should be going to those who need it most.

The Cabinet noted the report.

146. Tourism and Visitor Economy Strategy 2023-2028 (AI 5)

Jane Singh, Visit Portsmouth Tourism and Marketing Manager presented the report.

Members stressed the importance of the tourism and visitor economy to the city and in particular the importance of encouraging and supporting council and non-council partners to consider sustainability within their work in this industry. Members also noted the report feeds into the aspiration for a 'Green City' as outlined in the City Vision 2040. In addition, they noted the number of people within the city that currently earn their living within this sector.

Portsmouth was noted to be a 'world class destination' with a variety of attractions within the city, comparable to other coastal cities across the UK.

In response to a question from Cabinet, Jane Singh advised that a couple of bookings had followed on from Visit Portsmouth's attendance at the Visit Britain's flagship international marketing event in March 2022. The event will be attended again in 2023.

DECISIONS:

The Cabinet approved the Tourism and Visitor Economy Strategy 2023 - 2028.

147. Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) (AI 6)

Alison Critchley, Head of Sufficiency and Resources presented the report.

Cabinet noted the beneficial effects of the HAF programme for children and families across the city including provisions for children with special educational needs. The effects on the health and wellbeing of children and families were noted, along with the cultural benefits afforded by the activities being made available through the programme.

The Cabinet noted the report.

The meeting concluded at 12.52 pm.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Leader of the Council