

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CABINET held in the Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Thursday, 9 November 2006.

PRESENT: Councillor I C Bates – Chairman.

Councillors P L E Bucknell, Mrs J Chandler, N J Guyatt, A Hansard, Mrs P J Longford, Mrs D C Reynolds, T V Rogers and L M Simpson.

99. MINUTES

Subject to the deletion of the names of Councillors Mrs D C Reynolds and T V Rogers from the list of attendees, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19th October 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

100. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor A Hansard declared a personal interest in Minute No 105 by virtue of his membership of St Neots Town Council and a prejudicial interest as the relevant Executive Councillor. He left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and voting on this matter.

101. HUNTINGDON TOWN CENTRE VISION

Further to Item No. 06/31, the Cabinet considered a report by the Head of Planning Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) outlining the consultation responses received at the public exhibitions on the Vision report on Huntingdon Town Centre.

Members noted the main issues identified by the public and the points of principle which could assist in developing and directing the Council's planning policies for the town. On the subject of car parking, Members acknowledged that the issues raised would be forwarded to the Council's consultants to be addressed through the forthcoming Car Parking Strategy. With regard to the removal of the A14 Viaduct in Huntingdon and the construction of new highway links and junctions designed to improve the local road network, Members recognised the need for ongoing dialogue with residents and the business community.

Having welcomed the success of the public consultation and the long-term plans for the future of Huntingdon Town Centre, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

- (a) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (b) that the points of general principle, outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report now submitted, be endorsed.

102. QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF DEBTS WRITTEN-OFF

The Cabinet received and noted the report by the Head of Revenue Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) summarising debts which had been written-off during July – September 2006 as irrecoverable.

103. SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

In receiving and noting the report of the Safety Advisory Group held on 13th September 2006 particular attention was drawn to the findings of an ad-hoc inspection of the swimming pool and impressions fitness suite at Huntingdon Leisure Centre which had concluded that the facilities were well managed. With regard to the employee accident data for 2005/06, Members were advised that it was thought that the rise in the number of accidents was due in the main to improved reporting methods.

104. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to the financial affairs of particular persons (including the authority holding that information).

105. PROPOSED TRANSFER OF LAND AT THE MALTINGS, EATON FORD TO ST. NEOTS TOWN COUNCIL

(See Minute No. 100 for Members' interests).

Further to Minute No. 04/106, and with the assistance of a report by the Head of Legal and Estates (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book), the Cabinet considered proposed terms for the transfer of an area of land comprising public open space at the Maltings, Eaton Ford to St. Neots Town Council.

RESOLVED

that the transfer of land between the rear of 17 and 22 the Maltings, Eaton Ford to St. Neots Town Council be approved on the terms and conditions outlined in paragraph 3 of the report now submitted.