

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the CABINET held in the Meeting Room 0.1A, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon on Wednesday, 19 May 2010.

PRESENT: Councillor I C Bates – Chairman.

Councillors K J Churchill, D B Dew, J A Gray, A Hansard, C R Hyams, Mrs D C Reynolds, T V Rogers and L M Simpson.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 22nd April 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor T V Rogers declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No 12 by virtue of a family connection with a potential retail development on the site and left the meeting during the business in question.

3. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED

- (a) that executive responsibilities for the Municipal Year 2010/11 be allocated as follows-
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| Finance and Customer Services- | Councillor T V Rogers |
| Planning Strategy and Transport | - Councillor D B Dew |
| Leisure and Law, Property & Governance | Councillor Mrs D C Reynolds |
| Resources and Policy | - Councillor K J Churchill |
| Housing and Public Health | - Councillor A Hansard |
| Environment and Information Technology | - Councillor J A Gray |
| Operational and Countryside Services | - Councillor C R Hyams |
- (b) that executive responsibilities associated with HQ/Accommodation be allocated to the Deputy Leader;
- (c) that the Leader of the Council be appointed to serve as ex-officio Member on the Employment Panel; and

(d) that Executive Councillors be appointed to serve as ex-officio Members of Panels as follows –

Executive Councillors for – Finance and Customer Services	Ex-Officio for – Corporate Governance Development Management Panel Corporate Governance Licensing and Protection Panel/Licensing Committee
Planning Strategy and Transport	
Resources and Policy	

4. HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK JOINT LIAISON GROUP

RESOLVED

that Councillors M G Baker, Mrs M Banerjee, C R Hyams and Mrs M J Thomas be appointed to serve on the Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Liaison Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

5. HUNTINGDONSHIRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AREA JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that Councillors M G Baker, D B Dew, Mrs J Dew, R S Farrer, M F Newman and T D Sanderson be appointed to serve on the Huntingdonshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee for the ensuing the Municipal Year.

6. DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

RESOLVED

that Councillors I C Bates, W T Clough, D B Dew, P J Downes, P G Mitchell, T D Sanderson and P A Swales be appointed to serve on the Development Plan Policy Advisory Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

7. SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

RESOLVED

that Councillors Mrs B E Boddington, J W Davies, A Hansard, Mrs P A Jordan and L M Simpson be appointed to serve on the Safety Advisory Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

8. DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE GROUP

RESOLVED

that Councillors Mrs M Banerjee, K J Churchill, W T Clough, S J Criswell, T D Sanderson, Mrs J Thomas, G S E Thorpe and R G Tuplin be appointed to serve on the Democratic Structure Working Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

9. MEMBERS CAR PARKING WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED

that the Members' Car Parking Working Group be discontinued.

10. ST NEOTS EASTERN EXPANSION STEERING GROUP

RESOLVED

that Councillors D B Dew, R S Farrer, A Hansard, Mrs M J Thomas, G S E Thorpe and P K Ursell be appointed to serve on the St Neots Eastern Expansion Steering Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to an individual/organisation and is likely to reveal their identity/terms of a contract.

12. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION, HUNTINGDON - PROGRESS REPORT

By way of a report by the Director of Environmental and Community Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Cabinet considered the principle of invoking compulsory purchase powers (CPO) to acquire land required for the construction of a multi-storey car park as part of the redevelopment of Chequers Court, Huntingdon.

In considering the content of the report, the importance of the scheme within the overall regeneration of Huntingdon town centre and having raised concerns over the potential cost implications of the CPO, the Cabinet

RESOLVED

(a) that the contents of the report be noted;

- (b) that the principle of the Council making a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in respect of all of the land required for the construction of a multi-storey car park and reconfiguration of the remaining surface level car park in accordance with the adopted planning brief for Chequers Court be approved;
- (c) that the Director of Environmental and Community Services be requested to continue to undertake the necessary preparatory work to enable Cabinet to consider and make a formal resolution to serve a CPO at the earliest opportunity, concurrent with continuing negotiations to secure the land by agreement; and
- (d) that a further report be submitted to Cabinet on the cost implications of serving a CPO.

Chairman