

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE
MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2014**

CABINET
7 January 2014

PRESENT - Councillor Dixon (in the Chair); Councillors Copeland, Harker, C L B Hughes, D A Lyonette, McEwan, A J Scott and Wallis. (8)

INVITEES – Councillors I Haszeldine and Mrs Scott. (2)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Carson, Francis and Long. (3)

C96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

C97. REPRESENTATIONS – In respect of Minute C102 below, representations were made by a Member and a member of public in attendance at the meeting.

C98. MINUTES - Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Cabinet held on 3 December 2013.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes be confirmed.

REASON - They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

C99. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET - There were no matters referred back for reconsideration.

C100. ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY – There were no issues referred from the Scrutiny Committees to this meeting.

C101. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2012/13 - The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Resources (previously circulated) presenting the Annual Audit Letter for 2012/13 (also previously circulated), which provided a high level summary of the results from the 2012/13 audit work undertaken by PriceWaterhouse Coopers

A representative from PriceWaterhouse Coopers presented the main findings to Members from the Annual Audit Letter 2012/13 and stated that, the Council had been issued with an unqualified audit opinion and an unqualified conclusion on the ability of the organisation to secure proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

RESOLVED - That the Annual Audit Letter for 2012/13, as appended to the submitted report, be noted.

REASON - To enable Cabinet to receive the results of the external audit works carried out.

C102. KEY DECISION - REVISED WEEKLY REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTION -

The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Place (previously circulated) presenting the detail of the final scheme being proposed for the introduction of a revised weekly refuse/recycling collection service and the outcome of recent consultation.

A member of the public in attendance at the meeting, addressed Cabinet in respect of the introduction of an alternate weekly refuse/recycling collection service and raised a number of concerns in relation to the current wheeled bins collection service, particularly the issue of wheeled bins being left on the pavement rather than the curtilage of properties, and to the problems this caused to the visually impaired.

The Chair of the Place Scrutiny Committee addressed Cabinet in respect of the introduction of the revised AWC service, which had been considered by a recent meeting of that Scrutiny Committee and requested that consideration be given to one of the policies for AWC and to the recommendations from that Scrutiny Committee. Particular references were made to the number of properties that would benefit from the implementation of Option 1 and to properties with small back yards that would find it difficult to store two wheeled bins.

Discussion ensued on the placing of wheeled bins on pavements and grass verges, by both residents and street scene staff; enforcement issues; the amount of savings to be achieved by the introduction of AWC; health and safety issues; and recycling.

The Cabinet Member with the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio and the Director of Place responded thereon.

RESOLVED - (a) That the outcome of the consultation and the measures to be put in place to mitigate impacts, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

(b) That Option 3 be implemented for the majority of properties and where it is not suitable due to access restrictions, Option 1 be implemented.

(c) That alternate weekly collections be introduced across the Borough in October 2014.

REASONS - (a) To mitigate potential impacts to individual residents or specific groups.

(b) To enable the safe and efficient implementation of an alternate weekly collection service.

(c) To deliver the savings within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

C103. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - CHAPEL STREET, MIDDLETON ST GEORGE - OBJECTIONS -

The Cabinet Member with Transport Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Place (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the objections received in response to the proposed changes to Traffic Regulation Orders in Chapel Street, Middleton St George.

RESOLVED - (a) That the objections to the proposed restrictions, as detailed in the submitted report, be set aside.

(b) That the Traffic Regulation Order be implemented as advertised, with the exception of:

'The extent of the waiting restrictions in the lane to the side of No 44 Chapel Street be reduced to permit unrestricted parking for up to two vehicles in accordance with the plan attached at **Appendix 2** to the submitted report.

REASON - To ensure the expeditious movement of traffic in accordance with the Council's statutory network management duty and to prevent obstructive parking to the properties Nos. 50-52 Chapel Street.

C104. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS - The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Resources (previously circulated) informing and updating Members on the issues relevant to the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and developments that have taken place since the last report to Cabinet in June 2003.

RESOLVED - (a) That the developments that have taken place since June 2013, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

(b) That the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Policy (RIPA), as appended to the submitted report, be approved.

(c) That the CCTV Code of Practice, as appended to the submitted report, be approved.

(d) That further reports on the use of RIPA and associated issues, be submitted to future meetings of Cabinet.

REASONS - (a) To ensure the appropriate use of powers contained in the relevant legislation.

(b) The RIPA Policy and the CCTV Code of Practice need to be reviewed and updated when necessary.

C105. MID YEAR PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT 2013/14 - The Cabinet Member with the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Resources (previously circulated) seeking approval of the revised Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators and providing a half yearly review of the Council's borrowing and investment activities.

RESOLVED - (a) That the revised prudential indicators and limits, as detailed within the submitted report in Tables 1 to 6, 8 and 14 to 17 be agreed and recommended to Council for approval.

(b) That the reduction in the Treasury Management Budget (Financing Costs) of £0.105m, as shown in Table 11 of the submitted report, be noted.

REASONS - (a) In order to comply with the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

(b) To inform Members of the performance of the Treasury Management function.

(c) To comply with the Local Government Act 2003.

(d) To enable further improvements to be made in the Council's Treasury Management function.

C106. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.

**DECISIONS DATED –
FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2014**