

Cabinet

Minutes



Monday 6 November 2017

PRESENT

Councillor Ben Coleman, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Council
Councillor Sue Fennimore, Deputy Leader
Councillor Wesley Harcourt, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Residents Services
Councillor Lisa Homan, Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Sue Macmillan, Cabinet Member for Children and Education
Councillor Max Schmid, Cabinet Member for Finance

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Andrew Brown
Councillor Joe Carlebach
Councillor Lucy Ivimy
Councillor Harry Phibbs

56. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2017

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 October 2017 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and that the outstanding actions be noted.

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andrew Jones.

58. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

59. PROPOSED LOCAL DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATE RELIEF SCHEME 2017/18

RESOLVED:

In reply to a question from Councillor Ivimy, Councillor Schmid stated that larger businesses (such as franchises and chains) would be excluded from discretionary relief. Only smaller local businesses would benefit from this scheme and this would enable them to continue to contribute to the local economy.

Councillor Phibbs stated that RBKC was already operating this scheme and asked the reason for the delay in implementing it at H&F. Councillor Schmid replied that the decision-making process in H&F required all decisions above £100,000 to be approved by Cabinet. At RBKC the threshold for delegated decisions was higher so the decision could be implemented quicker.

RESOLVED:

To approve the draft Local Discretionary Business Rate Relief Scheme to provide support, by way of the Government Grant, to certain ratepayers who face an increase in their Business Rates bills for the financial year 2017/18 for consultation with the GLA.

Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As outlined in the report.

Record of any conflict of interest:

None.

Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:

None.

60. COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

RESOLVED:

Councillor Phibbs asked how could the Council negotiate with its own company, LBHF Ventures Limited, if it failed to achieve the savings projected. Councillor Schmid replied that the Council had confidence that the savings could be delivered as they had already identified the large contracts where the savings would be made.

RESOLVED:

1. To agree to invest up to £1m in order to achieve the savings identified, with £0.45m funded from the Invest to Save Fund and £0.55m from the Housing Revenue Account.
2. That the work to achieve the savings be awarded to the Council's own company, LBHF Ventures Limited.

Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As outlined in the report.

Record of any conflict of interest:

None.

Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:

None.

61. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

The Key Decision List was noted.

Meeting started: 7.00 pm

Meeting ended: 7.20 pm

Chair