

# Cabinet

## Minutes



Monday 1 March 2021

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Council  
Councillor Sue Fennimore, Deputy Leader  
Councillor Ben Coleman, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care  
Councillor Adam Connell, Cabinet Member for Public Services Reform  
Councillor Larry Culhane, Cabinet Member for Children and Education  
Councillor Wesley Harcourt, Cabinet Member for the Environment  
Councillor Andrew Jones, Cabinet Member for the Economy  
Councillor Lisa Homan, Cabinet Member for Housing  
Councillor Max Schmid, Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercial Services

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Adronie Alford  
Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler  
Councillor Andrew Brown

### **1. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2021**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 February 2021 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and that the outstanding actions be noted.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sue Macmillan.

### **3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4. IMPROVING PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING THROUGH DISCRETIONARY PROPERTY LICENSING**

Councillor Lisa Homan stated that the Council had two discretionary property licensing schemes which would expire in June 2022. These schemes required landlords of privately rented houses and flats which met the criteria of the schemes to apply to the Council for a licence for each property. This report requested approval for officers to conduct a public consultation with a view to re-designating both schemes from June 2022 for a further 5 years. There had been a number of improvements to the private rented sector achieved under the licensing schemes.

#### **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY BY CABINET:**

To agree that the Strategic Director for the Environment carry out the process of evidence gathering and public consultation in respect of the re-designation of the additional and selective licensing schemes.

#### **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.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF QUEENSMILL SPECIAL SCHOOL ACADEMY CONVERSION**

Councillor Larry Culhane informed that the paper on the agenda related to Queensmill Special School academy conversion. They were currently working with the school to ensure all aspects of the transfer were done correctly. As a result, this paper would be updated and come back to Cabinet for approval in April.

*This report was withdrawn from the agenda.*

#### **6. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

The Key Decision List was noted.

#### **7. DISCUSSION OF EXEMPT ELEMENTS (IF REQUIRED)**

There was no discussion of exempt elements.

Meeting started: 6.30 pm  
Meeting ended: 6.40 pm

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