



## Cabinet

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Wednesday, 18 October 2017
Present	Councillors Mrs Ann Berry, John Collier, Malcolm Dearden, Alan Ewart-James, David Godfrey, Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Rory Love, David Monk, Dick Pascoe and Stuart Peall
Apologies for Absence	None.
Officers Present:	Amandeep Khroud (Head of Democratic Services and Law), Chris Lewis (Planning Advisor), Tim Madden (Corporate Director - Organisational Change), Susan Priest (Corporate Director - Strategic Development), Alistair Stewart (Chief Executive), Julia Wallace (Masterplanning Project Manager) and Jemma West (Senior Committee Services Officer)
Others Present:	Councillor Lyons.

NOTE: All decisions are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is Friday 27 October at 5pm. Decisions not called in may be implemented on Monday 30 October 2017.

#### 44. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee made a voluntary announcement in relation to 'A Charter for Otterpool Park', in that she owns two properties within the area of search for Otterpool Park. She remained present at the meeting during discussions.

#### 45. **Funding of Proposed Acquisition Former Gasworks Site, Ship Street, Folkestone**

Report No C/17/50 sought to clarify the funding of the pre development work for the above site following on from the report considered at Cabinet on the 27 September 2017 (report no. C/17/37).

Proposed by Councillor Ewart-James,

Seconded by Councillor Love; and

**RESOLVED:**

That report C/17/50 be received and noted and that replace the original recommendation 3 (b) in report C/17/37 be replaced with the following:

“That Cabinet authorise officers to complete the remaining pre-development work and prepare draft planning proposals for consideration at a future Cabinet, and agree to allocate the sum of £230,000 from the Corporate Development Fund budget and the Housing Revenue Account to be apportioned as per the housing mix”.

(Voting figures: 10 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The original recommendation did not reflect the intended funding split between the Corporate Development reserve and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as set out in the report.

46. **Business rates**

Report C/17/51 informed Cabinet of the discussions currently being undertaken to explore a Kent wide bid to be part of the government's 100% business rates pilot. It sought to obtain delegations for the final decision as to whether to join the pilot due to the deadline required for any submission.

Proposed by Councillor Monk,  
Seconded by Councillor Dearden; and

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the report and the work being carried out across Kent on a business rate pilot be noted.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director, Organisational Change, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to determine whether to become part of the pilot.

(Voting figures: 10 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

Deadline for submission of an application to be a pilot is the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Discussions are ongoing between Kent Leaders and the form of any application is not yet finalized. Subject to the outcome of discussions, if a bid is decided to be made there will not be time to bring a further report back to Cabinet. Therefore delegated authority is being sought to be part of the bid should one be made.

47. **Otterpool Park - principles of long term stewardship**

Report C/17/46 set out some proposed principles for the long term management and maintenance of open space and community assets at Otterpool Park.

Proposed by Councillor Monk,  
Seconded by Councillor Pascoe; and

RESOLVED:

1. That report C/17/46 be received and noted.
2. That the principles set out in section 2 of the report for the long term stewardship of public space and other community assets for Otterpool Park be approved as the basis for developing a future strategy.

(Voting figures: 10 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Cabinet is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because:

- a) The recommendations will enable officers to progress work in a timely manner with our collaboration partner on a long term stewardship strategy that will be required as part of the outline planning application for Otterpool Park.
- b) The recommendations below will ensure effective and appropriate measures are put in place to achieve high quality management and maintenance of open space and other public assets to benefit residents and visitors to Otterpool Park.

**48. A Charter for Otterpool Park**

Report C/17/49 presented, for consideration by Cabinet, a draft Charter for Otterpool Park. The Charter built on the seventeen sustainability principles set out in the Expression of Interest submitted to Government in June 2016. It provided guidance on how the new garden town should be planned, built out and delivered so as to create the foundations of a truly sustainable high quality new community.

“A Charter for Otterpool Park – Consultation Draft” was attached to the report. The Charter had been prepared as a corporate document and was without prejudice to any future decisions the Council might take in its capacity as Local Planning Authority or landowner.

The meeting was adjourned for a period of 15 minutes to allow Cabinet Members to read the stakeholder comments which had been circulated at the commencement of the meeting in a Supplementary Report.

Proposed by Councillor Monk,  
Seconded by Councillor Pascoe; and

**RESOLVED:**

1. That report C/17/49 be received and noted.
2. That the Charter for Otterpool Park attached to the report be agreed.
3. That the Corporate Director - Strategic Development, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to make revisions to the document in response to the issues raised by Cabinet and set out in the Supplementary Report.

(Voting figures: 10 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

- a) The recommendations allow the Council to set out in further detail its aspirations for Otterpool Park.
- b) The recommendations will inform future planning policy and the masterplanning of the new garden town.