

CABINET

14 NOVEMBER 2019

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 14 November 2019.

Present:

Chair: * Councillor Graham Henson

Councillors:

* Sue Anderson	* Varsha Parmar
* Simon Brown	* Christine Robson
* Keith Ferry	* Krishna Suresh
* Phillip O'Dell	* Adam Swersky

Non-Executive Cabinet Member: † Antonio Weiss

Non-Executive Voluntary Sector Representative: * John Higgins

In attendance:	Richard Almond	Minute 254
	Marilyn Ashton	Minute 254
	Stephen Greek	Minute 254
	Paul Osborn	Minute 254

* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

250. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Antonio Weiss.

251. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that no interests were declared.

252. Petitions

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions had been received.

253. Public Questions

To note that no public questions had been received.

254. Councillor Questions

The Councillor Questions were responded to and the audio recording placed on the Council's website.

255. Key Decision Schedule November 2019 - January 2020

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the Key Decision Schedule for the period November 2019 to January 2020 and the postponement of the meeting of Cabinet on 5 December 2019 to 9 January 2020.

256. Progress on Scrutiny Projects

RESOLVED: To receive and note the current progress of the scrutiny reports.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

257. Corporate Parenting Strategy

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the Corporate Parenting Strategy be approved.

Reason for Recommendation: All Councillors were Corporate Parents and needed to understand and confirm how these responsibilities were being carried out to adhere to the requirements of the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

[Call-in does not apply to the decision above as it was reserved to full Council.]

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted: None.

RESOLVED ITEMS

258. Review of Housing and Homelessness Strategies

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Housing Strategy 2019 be approved; and
- (2) the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 be approved.

Reason for Decision: The Housing Strategy was a key strategic document. Approval of this document enabled the Council's housing priorities to be set out and communicated to stakeholders.

The Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy was both a key strategic document and a statutory requirement. Approval of these documents enabled the Council to set out its' homelessness priorities, meet its statutory responsibilities and reduced the risk of legal challenge.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted: None.

259. Response to recommendations from the Universal Credit Commission

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Universal Credit Commission Final Report, Annex 1 to the officer report, be noted; and
- (2) the draft action plan, which had been developed across the Council and wider partnership (Annex 2), be endorsed.

Reason for Decision: The Member led commission was set up outside of the current Non-Executive arrangements of the Council so had no constitutional basis. This report allowed a reporting route through to Cabinet in order to endorse the recommendations from the review and to sign up to the draft action plan.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted: None.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 7.25 pm).

Proper Officer

Publication of decisions:	15 November 2019
Deadline for Call-in:	<p>5.00 pm on 22 November 2019</p> <p>(Please note that Call-in does not apply to all decisions).</p> <p>To call-in a decision please contact:</p> <p>Daksha Ghelani on 020 8424 1881, email daksha.ghelani@harrow.gov.uk</p>
Decisions may be implemented if not Called-in on:	23 November 2019