

CABINET
Thursday 3 April 2014

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive declarations of interest from Members including the terms(s) of the Grant of Dispensation (if any) by the Audit Board or Managing Director.
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2014 (Pages 1 - 12)**
4. **Urgent Items**
The Chairman will announce his decision as to whether there are any urgent items and their position on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC

5. **To receive the Minutes of the Cabinet Advisory Panel held on 31 March 2014**
To follow
6. **References from Committees**
- 6A. **Reference from Joint Transportation Board: Fastrack (Pages 13 - 20)** MD
Summary:

To advise Cabinet of the current position relating to future development proposals for Fastrack, and to seek clarification from KCC on the arrangements for the replacement of the Fastrack Vehicle Fleet.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet considers the attached summary of the presentation received from Kent County Council and that the Leader of the Council be asked to write to Kent County Council

 - a) Noting that the current Fastrack fleets, especially on Route B, were nearing the end of their useful lives,

- b) Urging KCC to explore as many options as possible to facilitate the early replacement of the vehicles, and advise details of a replacement programme as soon as possible.

A - Strategies, Policies, Key Decisions, Consultations

7. Locally Set Fees Consultation (Pages 21 - 80)

SD

Summary:

1. The Licensing Act 2003 (the 2003 Act) regulates the sale of alcohol, the provision of late night refreshment and regulated entertainment in England and Wales, and is administered by local authorities, acting in their capacity as licensing authorities.
2. Licensing fees are intended to recover the costs that licensing authorities incur in carrying out these licensing functions.
3. Current fee levels were set in 2005 and apply nationally. They have not been adjusted since (other than for the introduction of new fees for new processes). The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 amended the 2003 Act to introduce a power for the Home Secretary to prescribe in regulations that in future, fee levels should be set by individual licensing authorities to enable them to recover their licensing costs.
4. The consultation seeks views on important aspects of the regulations that will govern locally-set fees.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet endorse the response to the Locally Set Fee Consultation as set out in Appendix B to the report.

8. Consultation on the Draft Further Alterations to the London Plan (Pages 81 - 86)

SD

Summary:

1. The Mayor of London is carrying out a consultation on the draft further alterations to the London Plan prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.
2. This report identifies the issues impacting upon Dartford Borough and Appendix A suggests representations on the consultation document.

Recommendations:

1. That the representation on the consultation document set out in Appendix A is submitted as the Council's formal response to the draft further alterations to the London Plan.
2. That an Officer continues to attend the South East England Councils (SEEC) and Greater London Authority (GLA) liaison meetings, with a view to representing Dartford Council views and those of other Kent authorities.

B - Non-Key Decisions, Monitoring Reports

9. **Princes Park - Mini Pitches (Pages 87 - 90)**

MD

Summary:

To seek approval to a revised service level agreement with Dartford Football Club for the operation of the mini football pitches at Princes Park.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approves the main terms and conditions as outlined in the report for a service level agreement between the Council and Dartford Football Club for the operation of the mini pitches at Princes Park.

10. **Annual Review and Renewal of Service Level Agreements (Pages 91 - 102)**

MD

Summary:

1. This report presents annual reviews of the performance of the following Council funded organisations: Citizens Advice Bureau, and Groundwork South Trust (formerly known as Groundwork Kent and Medway) against the requirements of their respective Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for 2013/14.
2. This report provides for the continuation of the current SLAs for the following organisations: Dartford Citizens Advice Bureau and The Groundwork South Trust.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet note the performance of the Citizens Advice Bureau and Groundwork South Trust, against the requirements of their respective Service Level Agreements as detailed in Appendices A and B.

2. That grant funding up to the amounts shown for 2014/15 for the following organisations be confirmed subject to Service Level Agreements to be completed with each organisation:
 - Dartford Citizens Advice Bureau – up to £99,750
 - Groundwork South Trust - up to £19,000

11. **New Council House Building (Pages 103 - 104)**
To follow

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C - Items for Information, noting, endorsing

No items for consideration.