

CABINET

7 MAY 2019

Present: Councillors Chowney (Chair), Forward (Vice-Chair), Batsford, S Beaney, Rogers, Lee and Patmore.

174. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were noted for Councillor Fitzgerald and Jane Hartnell, Director, Corporate Services and Governance.

175. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received.

176. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 8th April 2019 be approved as a true record.

177. MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS

The Director, Corporate Services and Governance, submitted a report responding to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny review team on Single Use Plastics.

The report was presented to Cabinet by Mark Horan, Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services manager.

As part of the 2018/19 Overview and Scrutiny Committee annual work programme a review was undertaken into council work to date on phasing out single use plastics (SUP).

The review team made 14 recommendations and the report outlined how these could be potentially taken forward, subject to Cabinet approval.

The Leader of the Council thanked the scrutiny team for the review and suggested, in addition to the recommendations in paragraphs 40 and 41 regarding the local refill project, the Council could provide an online map that shows the locations of public drinking taps in Hastings.

The Cabinet discussed the use of reusable plastic cups at festivals and events. Kevin Boorman, Marketing and Major Projects Manager confirmed that the Council sells commemorative reusable plastic pint mugs at events and in the Tourist Information Centre. Stall holders are also encouraged to sell reusable plastic or compostable cups.

Councillor Beaney noted that the proposed White Rock fountain development referred to in paragraph 41 will include a public drinking tap.

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Councillor Chowney proposed approval of the recommendations of the report, seconded by Councillor Lee.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that:

- 1. That Cabinet thank the scrutiny review team for their report.**
- 2. That Cabinet approve the responses to the review team recommendations as part of our broader commitment to tackling climate change.**

Reasons for the decision:

The Single Use Plastics Overview and Scrutiny review team have worked with officers to arrive at their recommendations and it is important that a considered response is given and situated in the context of our wider commitment to tackle climate change.

178. HASTINGS WAYFINDING PROJECT

The Assistant Director, Regeneration and Culture, submitted a report to provide detail on the Hastings Wayfinding project and seek authority to proceed with it.

Hannah Brookshaw, Regeneration Manager, presented the report to the Cabinet.

The Hastings Wayfinding project is part of the wider Bexhill and Hastings Movement and Access programme being delivered by East Sussex County Council, via £9m funding secured from Local Growth funding.

The Movement and Access programme will deliver an integrated package of cycling, walking and bus infrastructure, traffic management and public realm improvements, aimed at supporting economic growth and planned growth across Bexhill and Hastings.

Phase 1 of this programme will deliver improvements to junction capacity to reduce local congestion, increase the extent of the cycle network across the two towns to support greater connectivity between key destinations and support the growing appetite for cycling for everyday journeys.

Councillor Forward welcomed the report and confirmed that the Council will be developing a wayfinding strategy before proceeding.

It was noted that digital technology could play a part in future wayfinding across Hastings and should be made fully accessible.

Councillor Forward proposed approval of the recommendations of the report. This was seconded by Councillor Rogers.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that:

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- 1. To delegate authority to the Director of Operational Services or his nominee and the Lead Member for Regeneration to proceed with delivery of the Hastings Wayfinding project.**
- 2. To enter into an agreement with East Sussex County Council to deliver the Hastings Wayfinding project on their behalf.**

Reasons for the decision:

The Hastings Wayfinding project is part of the wider Bexhill and Hastings Movement Access Programme, being led by East Sussex County Council (ESCC). ESCC have secured £9m of Local Growth Funding (LGF) to deliver an integrated package of highway, public realm and public transport improvements.

ESCC wish to delegate delivery of the Wayfinding project to Hastings Borough Council, all works must be completed by March 2021 to comply with the conditions of the LGF funding. This project has £200,000 allocated to it, which is fully funded by LGF. Up to £50,000 can be used to produce a strategy and enable officer resource to project manage the work.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.23pm)