

CABINET

5 NOVEMBER 2018

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

109. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Minute	Interest
Patmore	113 – Museum Committee Changes	Personal – He is a member of the Museums Committee
Rogers	115 – Urgency – Potential Development of Football Stadium and Sports Facilities at Tilekiln.	Personal – She works in the sports industry.

110. NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

There were no additional urgent items.

111. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 October 2018 be approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED the chair called over items all items on the agenda.

112. REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

Mike Hepworth, Assistant Director Environment and Place presented a report on the Review of Gambling Statement of Principles, under the Gambling Act 2005. The purpose of the report was to inform councillors of the results of the recent statutory review of the Council's amended Gambling Act Statement of Principles and seek their approval for Cabinet to recommend that Full Council approves the updated statement of principles for publication by 3 January 2019 and reaffirms the existing "No Casino" resolution for the borough.

The statement of principles must be adopted by the Licensing Authority and kept under review. The policy must be fully reviewed and consulted upon at least every

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three years. The next date for a full review to have been completed and published is 3 January 2019.

It was said that in the statutory consultation on this, there was not much feedback however some was received that helped strengthen the review, with the amendments that were suggested adopted in to the report.

The Assistant Director, Environment and Place noted that the reaffirming of the “No Casino” resolution does not have to happen. He also stated that no appeals had ever been received.

Councillor Fitzgerald proposed the recommendations, which was seconded by Councillor Batsford.

The chair decided to take the recommendations in two separate votes, one for each recommendation as requested by Councillor Lee.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that:

- 1. To agree the updated Gambling Act Statement of Principles at appendix B and recommend that Full Council approve it for publication by 3 January 2019 in order that it can take effect on 31 January 2019**

RESOLVED (by 6 for, 2 against) that:

- 2. To recommend that Full Council should reaffirm the current “No Casino” resolution.**

The reason for these recommendations were:

There is a statutory requirement for local authorities to fully review their Gambling Act Statement of Principles at least every 3 years. Failure to do so could result in judicial review proceedings against the authority, and call in to doubt local decisions made under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Act gives powers to licensing authorities to introduce a “No Casino” resolution for their areas. It is a Full Council decision and must be revisited and endorsed every three years.

The revised statement needs to be adopted by Full Council prior to publication on 3 January 2019.

113. MUSEUM COMMITTEE CHANGES

Polly Gifford, Cultural Strategic Development Specialist presented a report on changes to the Museum Committee. The purpose of the report was to outline the

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changes to the format of the Museum Committee, which would promote greater efficiency and effectiveness.

The Museum Committee consists of elected Councillors and representatives of the Museum Association. It is an advisory committee only, with no decision making powers. Most responsibilities and executive functions are delegated to the Museum & Cultural Development Manager, with the remaining authority sitting with Cabinet. The role of the Museum Committee has become somewhat unclear in recent years. The proposed changes are intended to clarify the situation, reduce the burden on the Museum & Cultural Development Manager and make membership of the Committee a more engaging experience.

One of the proposed changes was to change from four to two meetings per year to be held in the Council Chamber. The minutes of these meetings will be reported to Cabinet as normal.

This will be an opportunity to see recent acquisitions, updated displays, meet staff and hear about their projects. It would be possible for example, to invite the museums Young Curators to speak. It will also be an opportunity for Committee members to share their specialist knowledge about areas of the museum and its collection.

No recommendations will be made at these meetings but any discussions will be noted and reported to the next formal meeting. Meetings will alternate between the Council Chamber and Museum.

Councillor Forward proposed the recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor Rogers.

RESOLVED (by 6 for, 2 against) that:

- 1. Cabinet support the proposed changes as detailed in the report.**

The reason for this recommendation was:

To help re-focus the Committee so that it can better support and advise the Museum as it continues to develop its programme and capital ambitions.

114. TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO WAG

Christine Barkshire-Jones, the Chief Legal Officer requested that Councillor Mike Turner be appointed to the Working Arrangements Group.

The recommendation was moved by Councillor Chowney, and seconded by Councillor Lee.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that:

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1. That Councillor Mike Turner be appointed to the Working Arrangements Group

The reason for this recommendation was:

Every committee must have the correct amount of appointed Councillors.

115. URGENCY - POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL STADIUM AND SPORTS FACILITIES AT TILEKILN

Simon Hubbard, Director of Operational Services presented a report on a Potential Development of a Football Stadium and Sports Facilities at Tilekiln. The purpose of the report was to propose agreement in principle for the sale of land at Pilot Field (currently occupied by Hastings United Football Club), Hastings United Football Club Sports & Social Club and a long lease for the Tilekiln Recreation Ground. The purpose of this is to provide a new stadium, gym facilities, sports pitches and housing. It is likely the land at Pilot Field and the Social Club site will need to be sold at below best value.

In December 2017, the Cabinet and Council agreed that authority be given to officers in consultation with the Leader of the Council to sell the freehold of Hastings United Football Ground, Hastings United Sports and Social Club, a 999 lease at Bulverhythe and the freehold of the lower tier at Bexhill Road Recreation Ground. The purpose of this was to enable developers to bring forward planning proposals for a new stadium for Hastings United Football Club (HUFC), new sports pitches and facilities, and housing development. It was agreed that the site could be sold at below best value because of the social health and other benefits of the scheme.

This scheme was proposed by HUFC, The Horntye Trust, Bohemia LLP (a company set up to deliver the scheme) and was founded upon the delivery of the scheme by Keepmoat Ltd, a major housing and regeneration company.

Keepmoat withdrew from the scheme, citing the ending of another scheme in the South East making it difficult for a midlands/northern based firm to efficiently deliver in Hastings. It is likely that dealing with a Rother planning application in addition to those in Hastings posed an additional risk as did the potential flooding issues.

HUFC have now come forward with a smaller scheme which envisages the construction of a 1950 capacity stadium at Tilekiln Recreation Ground in Hollington. The design would allow space for expansion if the Club were to move up the Leagues where larger capacity would be required. Three football pitches are envisaged:

- 1) A grass pitch within the stadium which would be for club use.
- 2) A 3G pitch
- 3) A grass pitch

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A 3G pitch can accommodate many more matches (which are often limited to 2 a week on grass) and taken with floodlighting represents a potential increase in the level of football that can be played.

It is believed that an improved stadium is likely to enable the club to improve its competitive status and (subject to seeing a revised business plan) provide the local club with financial stability.

The Council will expect HUFC to involve the FA and other relevant key stakeholders in the development of the football development plans to ensure that the facilities are genuinely accessible to local teams and community (including affordable pricing and a balanced community programme, as well as the inclusion of groups such as the disabled, youth and women). This would be a condition of the completion of the sale of Pilot Field.

Councillor Chowney proposed the recommendations, which was seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that:

1. To authorise the Director of Operational Services (or his nominee) to work with the Assistant Director Financial Services & Revenues, Estates Manager and Chief Legal Officer to seek suitable terms for the disposal of the land listed in this report in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

2. That any disposal be subject to:

- **Agreement on land values.**
- **The safeguarding of the council's position by the use of an options agreement, bond or other mechanism to ensure the delivery of agreed sports facilities.**
- **The agreement of an open book policy and the use of any funds generated by house development over the costs of developing and delivering the new sports facilities.**
- **Agreement of a programme of community development and access to the new facilities which details plans for the development of activity for young people of education age, female football and disability football.**
- **Support of the Football Association and Sport England.**
- **Informal use of the football facilities as well as organised competition and activity.**
- **Consideration of comments made from consultation with sporting bodies, local football clubs, councillors for Hollington Ward and the local community.**

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3. That a further report recommending the details of such a disposal be brought to Cabinet and Council as quickly as possible

The reason for these recommendations was:

The proposal has health and leisure benefits, should secure the future of Hastings United Football Club (HUFC) and provide additional housing required to help achieve our Local Plan targets. The Council should approach this on the basis of creating a new partnership with HUFC which will yield substantial benefits in terms of enhanced participation in football and other activities.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm)