

**MINUTES OF: THE CABINET**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Present: Councillor A Barnes (Chair)  
Councillors Ashworth, Lythgoe, Oakes and Walmsley**

**In Attendance: Mr N Shaw, Chief Executive  
Mr A Allen, Director of Communities  
Ms M Lewis, Director of Economic Development  
Ms C Birtwistle, Head of Legal (Monitoring Officer)  
Mrs K Spencer, Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)  
Mrs A Storah, Principal Planner (Forward Planning)**

**Also present: Councillor Foxcroft  
Councillor Hughes (observing on Zoom from item 7/D1)  
1 member of the public**

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hughes.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

**3. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Leader of the Council declared an interest in item 11 (E4), investment in facilities at the Moller Ring site. Councillor Ashworth declared an interest in the Weir play area item at 12 (E5).

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No written questions had been submitted.

**6. UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Chair provided an update in the absence of Councillor Johnson.

**7. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT Q2 2022/23**

The Lead Member for Resources outlined the report, which asked Cabinet to note the contents of the Quarter 2 2022/23 financial monitoring report.

**Resolved:**

1. Cabinet noted the contents of the Q2 2022/23 financial monitoring report.

**Reason for Decision:**

For the robust monitoring of the General Fund and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

**Alternative Options Considered:**

None.

## **8. CLIMATE CHANGE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Lead Member for Environment and Corporate Services outlined the report, which asked Cabinet to approve the Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document and for it to be used in the determination of planning applications. To delegate further minor amendments to the Head of Planning and the Lead Member.

Cabinet members were invited to comment on the report

- Officers were thanked for their hard work.
- Comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been taken into account.
- Document to be shared with external bodies and stakeholders e.g. RTPI, LGA etc. to celebrate the work that has been completed.

### **Resolved:**

1. Cabinet approved the Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and for it to be used in the determination of planning applications.
2. Cabinet delegated further minor amendments to the Head of Planning and the Lead Member.

### **Reason for Decision:**

Adopting the Climate Change SPD will enable the Council to ensure development that requires planning permission will take climate change issues into account, addressing the Climate Change emergency that the Council declared in 2019, and meet the strategic priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan 2021-2025.

### **Alternative Options Considered:**

None.

## **9. WATER HYGIENE AND ASBESTOS POLICIES APPROVAL**

The Lead Member for Environment and Corporate Services outlined the report, which asked Cabinet to approve the adoption of the new Water Hygiene and Asbestos Policies.

### **Resolved:**

1. Cabinet approved the adoption of the Water Hygiene and Asbestos Policies.

### **Reason for Decision:**

Rossendale Borough Council has both a legal and moral obligation to ensure it carries out the works described, which these policies enforce.

### **Alternative Options Considered:**

None.

## **10. ANNUAL AIR QUALITY REPORT 2022**

The Lead Member for Environment and Corporate Services outlined the report, which asked Cabinet to note the content of the report, to endorse the statutory requirement to declare Air Quality Management Area 3 as detailed and authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary Order. That Cabinet endorse the statutory requirement to revoke Air Quality Management Areas 1 and 2 as detailed and authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary Orders.

Cabinet members were invited to comment on the report:

- It was encouraging that the actions taken have proved positive.

**Resolved:**

1. Cabinet noted the content of the Annual Air Quality report.
2. Cabinet endorsed the statutory requirement to declare Air Quality Management Area 3 as detailed and authorised the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary Order.
3. Cabinet endorsed the statutory requirement to revoke Air Quality Management Areas 1 and 2 as detailed and authorised the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary Orders.

**Reason for Decision:**

The improvement in overall levels of NO<sub>2</sub> across the Borough is a positive step and the proposed revocation of two existing AQMA's is testament to this. However localised issues of NO<sub>2</sub> exceedance is still an issue, which needs to be addressed by the Council.

The declaration of a further AQMA shows the authorities determination to tackle this important issue. Success in improving the air that we breathe relies on action by a wide range of organisations and individuals and continued work across the authority and in partnership with other public and private organisations is central to achieving this.

**Alternative Options Considered:**

None.

**11. INVESTMENT IN FACILITIES AT THE MOLLER RING SITE**

The Lead Member for Environment and Corporate Services outlined the report, which asked Cabinet to approve the project and proposed funding streams to develop the Moller Ring site with phase one addressing the play area and phase two resurfacing the pump track. That Cabinet authorises officers to accept the grants and proceed to procure the necessary contractors in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. That subject to the successful grant award Cabinet approves an addition to the capital programme of a new fully funded capital scheme totalling £160,500.

Cabinet members were invited to comment on the report:

- Excellent work to bring in external funding and is a good news story.

**Resolved:**

1. Cabinet approved the project and proposed funding streams to develop the Moller Ring site with phase one addressing the play area and phase two resurfacing the pump track.
2. Cabinet authorised officers to accept the grants and proceed to procure the necessary contractors in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
3. That subject to the successful grant award Cabinet approved an addition to the capital programme of a new fully funded capital scheme totalling £160,500.

**Reason for Decision:**

The development of the Moller Ring site will mean the Council are addressing sites as identified as in need of investment through extensive surveys. The improvements to the site will mean that the residents of the area will have access to first class play facilities whilst ensuring the council provides equipment that is both high in play value and in safe condition to use.

**Alternative Options Considered:**

None.

**12. IMPROVEMENTS TO WEIR PLAY AREA**

The Lead Member for Environment and Corporate Services outlined the report, which asked

Cabinet to approve the improvements and associated funding streams to upgrade Weir Play Area which will combine phase one and two of the project. That Cabinet authorises officers to accept the grants and proceed to procure the necessary contractors in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. That subject to the successful grant award, Cabinet approves an addition to the capital programme of a new fully funded capital scheme totalling £149,763, this includes transferring £7,441 from existing Playgrounds capital scheme.

Cabinet members were invited to comment on the report:

- Again excellent work to improve our play areas.

**Resolved:**

1. Cabinet approved the improvements and associated funding streams to upgrade Weir Play Area which will combine phase one and two of the project.
2. Cabinet authorised officers to accept the grants and proceed to procure the necessary contractors in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
3. That subject to the successful grant award, Cabinet approved an addition to the capital programme of a new fully funded capital scheme totalling £149,763, this includes transferring £7,441 from existing Playgrounds capital scheme.

**Reason for Decision:**

The development of Weir Play Area will mean the council is addressing sites for investment as identified through extensive surveys of play areas in the borough. The improvements to the site will mean the residents of the area will have access to first class play facilities whilst ensuring the council provides equipment that is both high in play value and in safe condition to use.

**Alternative Options Considered:**

None.

**The meeting concluded at 6.51pm**

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