

COUNCIL

THURSDAY 12TH JULY 2018

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018

12. Councillors' Allowances 2019/20 - Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel - Minute For Confirmation

Councillor David Renard, the Leader of the Council, and the Director of Law and Democratic Services, submitted a joint report inviting Cabinet to consider recommendations arising from meetings of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the level of Councillors' Allowances in Swindon for 2019/2020.

It was noted that the Council is required by the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 to consider the recommendations of its Independent Remuneration Panel when making decisions relating to its Scheme of Councillors' Allowances. Decisions on the Scheme of Councillors' Allowances require the approval of full Council, which body is not required to adopt all or any of the Panel's recommendations.

Resolved – (1) That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' Allowances for 2019/2020, as set out in paragraph 3.20 of the report, be accepted and referred to the Council for approval.

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services be authorised to introduce a revised Councillors' Allowances Scheme for 2019/2020 based on the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as approved and adopted by the Council.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018

8. One Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board - Revised Terms of Reference

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health at Swindon Borough Council setting out a proposed set of revised Terms of Reference for the One Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board following the merger of the One Swindon Board and Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board.

Ms Jones referred to the amended Terms of Reference attached as an appendix to the report circulated with the agenda papers and drew members' attention to changes made in the document and in particular the renaming of the Board as "One Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board" to incorporate the branding of the One Swindon Board and its work.

Following the presentation of the report the Board discussed:

- The relevance of the inclusion of "One" within the name of the Board following the removal of references to One Swindon within the Terms of Reference.
- How best the positive influences of the One Swindon Board in (a) driving cross agency policy and (b) community and voluntary sector engagement could be promoted by the new Board.
- The availability of a minor one-off funding stream from the One Swindon Board that could be used to promote community engagement.
- The proposed voting membership and the need to ensure this was both balanced and allowed for independent challenge of the Board.
- The need to ensure that the increased membership of both voting and non-voting members did not become too unwieldy or unmanageable.
- The need to ensure that there was not a commissioning/provider conflict in the voting membership.

Resolved – That Swindon Borough Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group be recommended to approve the Terms of reference for the newly constituted One Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board subject to the following amendments:

(1) That the Board be named Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board; and

(2) That the voting membership be amended to include an additional clinical member of the Clinical Commissioning Group representative and a lay member.

MINUTES FOR REPORT

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018

8. Motion to Amend Central Residents' Season Ticket

Councillor Oliver Donachie, the Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity, and the Corporate Director for Communities and Housing and the Head of Highways and Transport, submitted a joint report setting out the response to a motion at Council regarding issues around the Residents' Parking Season Ticket charge and seeking Cabinet's agreement to make no further amendments to the season ticket scheme at this time. It was noted that, if the report's recommendations were agreed, there would be no discounted season ticket option for residents to use the short stay town centre and Old Town Council Car Parks.

Resolved – (1) That the Head of Highways and Transport be authorised to undertake a review of the current arrangements after 12 months of their operation.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity be authorised to report this outcome to the next appropriate meeting of Council.

Councillor Brian Ford made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Cabinet's consideration of this matter on the grounds that a family member utilised the residents' car parking season ticket provision for this area.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

9. Traffic Management Act 2004 - Enforcement Powers

Councillor Fionuala Foley, the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Environment, and the Head of Highways and Transport, submitted joint report regarding a motion at Council about the obstruction of pavements by vehicles and the outcome of investigations by officers of the options for tackling the issue of parking on pavements throughout the Borough.

It was noted that officers and Ward Members regularly receive complaints about vehicles obstructing pedestrian dropped kerbs and vehicle crossings and that the Council has the option to take on additional powers under the Traffic Management Act (2004) to deal with this issue.

In response to a question put by Councillor Matthew Courtliff regarding the proposals enforcing only prohibitions of double parking and parking at dropped footways, and not in respect of more general parking obstruction, Councillor Foley advised that such obstruction was a matter for Police enforcement and that it would be inappropriate to require enforcement in such cases to be the responsibility of the Council's parking enforcement officers. She added that residents' views on the more general obstruction issues raised by Councillor Courtliff would be obtained through the proposed consultation and that, as part of the consultation review, appropriate consideration would be given to options open to the Council.

The Council's Head of Highways and Transport commented on the use of existing legislative powers available to the Council to take action over the inconsiderate parking obstruction of pedestrian dropped kerbs and vehicle crossings and assured the meeting that options to use new legislative provisions to combat more general parking obstruction were kept under review.

Councillor Foley, with Councillor Oliver Donachie, the Cabinet Member for Economy Prosperity, responded to additional questions put by Councillors Jim Grant and Bob Wright regarding:

- The staff resource available to support parking obstruction enforcement
- The responsibilities of the Police in respect of highway obstruction enforcement
- The implications of such enhanced enforcement in areas where residents' car parking is already recognised to be deficient
- The inclusion of problems of parking on grass verges as part of the consultation review.

Resolved – (1) That the Motion at Council on 28 September 2017, regarding obstructions of pavements by vehicles (Minute 35 2017/18 refers), be noted.

(2) That the Head of Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Environment, be authorised to (a) arrange consultation with the local community over proposals to enforce prohibitions of double parking and parking at dropped footways, and (b) confirm the start date, duration and closing dates of that consultation.

(3) That the Head of Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Environment, be authorised to consider the consultation responses received and, if appropriate, to introduce enforcement powers permitted under sections 85 (prohibition of double parking) and 86 (prohibition of parking on dropped footway) of the Traffic Management Act 2004, in accordance with the delegated authority contained within the Scheme of Delegations 2018/19 (paragraph 147), subject to giving prior public notice of this intention and the date from which it will apply.

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