

Cabinet 30/6/16 - Comments from O&S Panels

Highways, Transport & Environment

Wraysbury Bridge – New Footway (Petition)

Fully endorsed the recommendations

Highways Capital Programme

Fully endorsed the recommendations

Holyport College – Safe Route to School (Petition)

Fully endorsed the recommendations with a caveat to the third recommendation that the money to implement the scheme should be new money and not come from the S106 money that was meant for something else.

Planning and Housing

Properties for Homeless Residents

The Planning & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel unanimously agreed to recommend to Cabinet the following:

- i) Approves the use of two Council-owned properties for a day service and emergency housing for homeless residents.
- ii) Delegates authority to the Managing Director/Strategic Director Adult, Children and Health Services and Strategic Director Corporate and Community Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to apply for all necessary consents and permissions to enable the recommendation i) and to finalise the details of the Service Level Agreement.

The Planning & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel commented that they would like to see an indication ASAP of the speed in which these proposals could be implemented if approved by Cabinet, the prioritisation of how it could happen and who would benefit. The Panel hoped the target of the 01 April 2017 could be brought forward.

The Planning & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel asked what the Councils plans were with regard to getting empty homes in the Royal Borough back in use.

It was requested that an update be brought back to the Planning & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel in December.

Key Worker Housing

The Planning & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel agreed in principal with the recommendations in the report to Cabinet but felt that it was not a workable scheme as it currently stood as the report was lacking detail.

The Planning & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel asked the following questions – they hoped the answers would be available for the Cabinet meeting on Thursday night:

- That all Military Personnel (Army, Airforce, Navy) be included in the key worker definition.
- If a key worker gained accommodation and then their location of employment changed (e.g. to High Wycombe) would they lose their accommodation?
- How would the prioritisation of applications from key workers be undertaken? It was felt criteria needed to be clear from the start or it would be challenged.
- Covered by key worker policy?
- If a key worker changed profession would they lose their home?
- Are there any limitations on who key workers could sell their property to?
- How does para 2.7 square with para 2.5 – will there be further refinement?
- Para 2.10 ('over the next 18 months...') – the Panel was under the impression that the Council did not have a defined policy type and that it preferred ownership to rental options?
- Are they 100% rented? On assured shorthold tenancies?
- It was suggested that the key worker document on the web had reduced in detail and might need to be re-looked at again.
- Would salaries be looked at when deciding whether someone qualified as a key worker?
- It was stated that the shared ownership scheme might or might not involve a key worker – it was asked whether this was true as key worker housing was listed in the report under the key implications section as being a measure of success?
- That the terms needed to be set out along with information about how it could be renewed (if renewal was an option).

Crime & Disorder

Properties for Homeless Residents

The Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panel unanimously agreed to recommend to Cabinet the following:

- i) Approves the use of two Council-owned properties for a day service and emergency housing for homeless residents.
- ii) Delegates authority to the Managing Director/Strategic Director Adult, Children and Health Services and Strategic Director Corporate and Community Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to apply for all necessary consents and permissions to enable the recommendation i) and to finalise the details of the Service Level Agreement.

The Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panel asked how many people the two buildings could accommodate, the size of the units (square footage) and whether there was any gagging clause because it was a charity organisation?

Children's Services

Appointment of Trustees to the Windsor Royal Free and Industrial Schools Trust

None received

Adult Services & Health

Properties for Homeless Residents

None received

Corporate Services

Financial Update

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the report and unanimously agreed with the recommendations being made to Cabinet. The Panel also recommend that Cabinet:

- A Part II section be added to the report detailing known liabilities / risks such as Legoland appeal costs.
- The H&M costs should be added to the report.
- A note be added to the report regarding mitigating actions and risks for the £163K projected overspend.
- The officers name in section 4.4 regarding pension costs be removed.
- Section 4.5, Capital Programme, comparative outturns from previous reporting cycles be added to the report.