

CABINET

14 April 2021

Present:-

Councillors J Hart (Chair), R Croad, A Davis, R Gilbert, S Hughes,
A Leadbetter, J McInnes and B Parsons

Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

A Dewhirst, R Hannaford, R Hosking and N Way

(Apologies from Councillor A Connett)

The Cabinet held a minute silence as a mark on respect following the sad news of the passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021 be signed as a correct record.

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Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

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Announcements

There was no announcement made by the Chair.

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Petitions

There was no petition received from a Member of the Public or the Council.

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Question(s) from Members of the Council

In accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules, the relevant Cabinet Member's responded to nine questions from Members of the Council on the following issues:

- Healthy Start Scheme awareness.
- Healthy Start Scheme promotion and encouragement.
- Healthy Start Scheme and supporting the economy.

- Freeports and the potential impact on neighbouring areas.
- Effectiveness of the Enterprise Zone.
- 'Gateway' Policy and Freeports.
- Fire Door assessment and replacement.
- Women's mental health hubs.
- Government proposals to merge National Park Authorities.

The Cabinet Members also responded orally to supplementary questions arising from the above.

[NB: A copy of the questions and answers are available on webpage for meeting and any supplementary questions and answers may be observed through the webcast of this meeting – see Notes below]

* **655** **Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee - Request to extend the 30mph speed limit on the Western side of Bow**

(Councillors Hannaford and Way attended remotely in accordance with Standing Order 25(2) and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and spoke to this item).

The Cabinet noted that at the Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee at its meeting on 9 March 2021 and in accordance with Standing Order 23(2), Councillor Way had requested that the Committee consider the matter of the 30mph speed limit on the Western side of Bow.

The Committee had RESOLVED (Minute *61 referred) *that the Cabinet be requested to grant a departure of policy and to extend the 30mph zone to a point 40 to 50 metres to the west of the Bow Garden & Aquatic Centre at Burston.*

The Cabinet Member highlighted that the proposal was an extension of approximately 350m and the setting of speed limits was informed by the character of the road.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hughes, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hart, and

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred pending a virtual site visit to meet the Local Member and officers including the Road Safety Team.

* **656** **Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee - Commissioning Liaison Member Role Review**

(Councillors Dewhirst, Hannaford and Hosking attended remotely in accordance with Standing Order 25(2) and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and spoke to this item).

The Cabinet noted that at its meeting on the 26 March 2021, the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee had considered a Report which had reviewed the role of the Commissioning Liaison Members (Minute *228 referred). The Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee had resolved *(a) that the new Council continues the role of electing one or two Commissioning Liaison Members for each Scrutiny Committee; and (b) that Cabinet review the approach to strategic commissioning to create opportunities to embed the value driven principles of carbon reduction and creation of social value in all commissioning activity.*

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hart, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hughes and

RESOLVED

(a) that the continuation of the role of Commissioning Liaison Members be supported and that Cabinet formally welcomes the contribution their role brings, notwithstanding their appointment is a matter for individual Scrutiny Committees;

(b) that social value and carbon reduction principles form an embedded part in commissioning and procurement activity and is encompassed in both procurement strategy and processes; and

(c) the templates that are used to aid identifying and acting on social value and carbon reduction opportunities be welcomed and the current recruitment process for a Carbon Officer to further develop and promote social value and carbon reduction with services, suppliers and partners be supported.

* **657** **Question(s) from Members of the Public**

There was no question from a Member of the public.

* **658** **Minutes**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hart, **SECONDED** by Councillor McInnes, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the following be endorsed:

Devon Audit Partnership - 11 March 2021
Devon Education Forum - 17 March 2021

* **659** **Delegated Action/Urgent Matters**

The [Registers of Decisions taken by Members under the urgency provisions or delegated powers](#) were available for inspection, in line with the Council's Constitution and Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. [Decisions taken by Officers](#) under any express authorisation of the

Cabinet or other Committee or under any general authorisation within the Council's Scheme of Delegation set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

* **660** **Forward Plan**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet reviewed the [Forward Plan](#) and determined those items of business to be defined as key and framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting onwards (including Bideford Heritage Railway Centre: Agreement of Leases) reflecting the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

NOTES:

1. *Minutes should always be read in association with any Reports for a complete record.*
2. *If the meeting has been webcast, it will be available to view on the [webcasting site](#) for up to 12 months from the date of the meeting*

* **DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 10.47 am