

CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2016

AT 4.30 PM

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILLITON

Present:

Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Leader

Councillor M Chilcott
Councillor C Morgan
Councillor K Turner

Councillor M Dewdney
Councillor S Pugsley
Councillor D J Westcott

Members in Attendance:

Councillor A Hadley
Councillor N Thwaites

Councillor B Heywood

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Operations/Section 151 Officer (S Adams)
Meeting Administrator (K Kowalewska)

CAB1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor K Mills.

CAB2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 April 2016

(Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 6 April 2016 - circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 6 April 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

CAB3 Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a County, Parish or Town Council:

Name	Minute No.	Member of	Action Taken
Councillor A Trollope-Bellew	All	Crowcombe	Spoke and voted
Councillor C Morgan	All	Stogursey	Spoke and voted
Councillor K Turner	All	Brompton Ralph	Spoke and voted
Councillor D Westcott	All	Watchet	Spoke and voted
Councillor N Thwaites	All	Dulverton	Spoke

CAB4 Public Participation

No members of the public spoke at the meeting on any items on the agenda.

CAB5 Forward Plan

(Copy of the Forward Plan for the month of July 2016 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of this item was to approve the Forward Plan.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan for the month of July 2016 be approved.

CAB6 Cabinet Action Plan

(Copy of the Action Plan – circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED (1) that CAB115 – Freehold Transfer of Land at Mill Street, Watchet to Watchet Town Council be deleted as actioned.

RESOLVED (2) that CAB118 – Community Asset Transfer Policy be deleted as actioned.

CAB7 Cabinet Appointments to Outside Bodies

(Copy of the Cabinet Appointments – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies for the period to the annual meeting in 2017.

It was noted that the Somerset Nuclear Energy Group had changed its name to Somerset Energy Infrastructure Group.

At the request of Councillor M Dewdney, Councillor D Westcott agreed to provide details of the Watchet Harbour Advisory meeting dates.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Members appointed to serve on Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2016-2017 be as follows:

ORGANISATION	REPS 2014/2015
ARTlife	Councillor K Mills Deputy: Councillor D Westcott
CLOWNS	Lead Member for Community and Customer – Councillor D Westcott
South West Councils Employers Panel	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy Leader – Councillor M Chilcott

**WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL
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LGA General Assembly	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy Leader – Councillor M Chilcott
Somerset Strategic Leaders Board	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew
South West Councils	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy Leader – Councillor M Chilcott
SPARSE	Councillor S Pugsley
Dunster Working Group	Lead Member for Regeneration and Economic Growth – Councillor K Mills
Williton Regeneration Forum	Councillors H J W Davies, I Aldridge, K Mills and K Turner
Watchet Harbour Advisory Committee	Councillor D Westcott Councillor M Dewdney (PH) Deputy: Councillor R Woods
Somerset Waste Board	Lead Member for Environment – Councillor M Dewdney Councillor B Maitland-Walker
Safer Somerset Partnership	Lead Member for Community and Customer – Councillor D Westcott
Local Action for Rural Communities (LARC)	Councillor K M Mills
Exmoor Tourism	Councillor K Mills
Connecting Exmoor and Dartmoor Board (established 3 Dec 2015)	Lead Member for Regeneration & Economic Growth - Councillor K Mills
Somerset Energy Infrastructure Group	Councillor A Trollope-Bellew – Leader Councillor C Morgan – Lead Member for Energy Infrastructure Councillor S Goss
West Somerset Health Forum	Councillor K Turner
Somerset Rivers Authority	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy: Councillor M Dewdney
Somerset Growth Board	Lead Member for Regeneration and Economic Growth - Councillor K Mills
Somerset Strategic Housing Partnership	Lead Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing – Councillor K Turner
West Somerset Housing Forum	Lead Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing – Councillor K Turner

CAB8 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded during consideration of Item CAB9 on the grounds that, if the press and public were present during that item, there would be likely to be a disclosure to them of exempt information of the class specified in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended as follows:

The item contained information that could release confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is therefore agreed that after consideration of all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

CAB9 **Business Rates Write Off Request**

(Report No. WSC 61/16 - circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to seek cabinet approval in accordance with the Financial Regulations to authorise the write off of any irrecoverable Non Domestic Rates (Business Rates) which has an individual value greater than £5,000.

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support presented the report and provided detailed background information.

Various questions and issues were raised by Members, and it was

RESOLVED that the two debts detailed in the report be approved for write off as uncollectable.

The meeting closed at 4.39 pm.