

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 27 FEBRUARY 2013

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on the evening of Wednesday 6 February 2013.

On that occasion, the Cabinet considered the matters set out below. Decisions shown in boxed areas are subject to Council confirmation; the reports considered by the Cabinet were available to all members in advance of the Cabinet meeting.

The Cabinet also considered the Corporate Plan, Budget and Risk Register 2013/14 and the Treasury Strategy 2013/14 to 2015/16 and these will be reported separately to the Council meeting to be held on 6 March 2013.

1. Home Energy Conservation Act - Key Targets and Priorities

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Housing introduced this item which outlined the main local targets and actions that were necessary to ensure improvements in the energy efficiency of residential accommodation. These targets were requirements of the Climate Change Act 2008, Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 and link into the Carbon Plan issued in December 2011 which set out how the Government aims to achieve reductions in carbon emissions.

It was decided to:-

1. Approve the recommendations as set out in the report for the council's role as promoter in the delivery of the Green Deal
2. Approve the details of the "further report" (as attached as Appendix 2 to the report to Cabinet) for submission to the Secretary of State, including the targets for reduction in carbon emissions and fuel poverty

2. My Neighbourhood Plans

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure and Healthy Communities introduced this item which reported that in February 2012 the Council introduced five My Neighbourhood Plans across the Borough. These plans each had ten projects on local priorities set after consultation. The My Neighbourhood Plans were a mixture of projects - high and low cost, long and short term delivery, and a mix of capital works and community based non capital schemes. The plans covered a two year period.

Over the last twelve months projects had been delivered in all of the My Neighbourhood Plans and these plans had now been refreshed following extensive public consultation.

However, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure and Healthy Communities reported that the development of the My Neighbourhood Plans were continually evolving, and it was likely that changes could be reported by the next or subsequent Council meetings.

Members of the Cabinet and Councillors present commented on the success of the "My Neighbourhoods" and commented on the increasing community involvement that was developing.

It was decided to:-

1. Approve the 2013-2015 My Neighbourhood Plans.
2. Note the Capital estimates attributed to the My Neighbourhood Plans for inclusion in the Capital Programme.

3. Waste Management Cost Sharing Agreement

The Leader of the Council informed Cabinet that this item was being deferred as it was still the subject of discussions with Lancashire County Council.

4. Response to Scrutiny Review of Worden Park

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetscene introduced this report which referred to the Scrutiny Committee's report on its task group's review of Worden Park on 1 November 2012.

The Scrutiny Committee had requested that the Council agree and take forward their recommendations.

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetscene welcome the report in general but indicated that although the idea referred to in recommendation 3 of one named Cabinet Member with responsibility for Worden Park was a good idea in principle, in practice it needed input at various times from other Cabinet Members, not least Finance and Resources.

Cabinet Members also considered that Recommendation 6 which sought a separate budget for Worden was not possible due to the complexity of the Council's budget process.

It was decided to welcome the review of Worden Park completed by the Scrutiny Committee and agree to accept the recommendations identified by the review, along with the proposed responses as outlined in this report, subject to the amendments detailed above.

5. Update of Dog Control Orders

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetscene introduced this report which sought to extend the Dog Control Orders adopted in September 2009 to include a number of additional play areas and sites within the borough.

The importance of publicising these new and existing control areas to the public was accepted by the Cabinet Member Neighbourhoods and Street Scene, who also agreed to look at other areas as they were brought to his attention.

It was decided to:-

1. To undertake a consultation and advertising process for the proposed play areas and sites to be included in the extended Dog Control Orders.
2. To authorise the Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, Neighbourhoods and Street Scene, to confirm the proposed play areas and sites to be included in the extended Dog Control Orders, following the completion of the consultation and advertising period.

6. The Cabinet's Forward Plan

It was decided to approve the Forward Plan submitted under section 22 of the Local Government Act 2000.

I hereby commend the report of the Cabinet to the Council.

COUNCILLOR MRS MARGARET SMITH

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL