PRESENT: Councillor Richard Cooper in the Chair. Councillors Rebecca Burnett, Mike Chambers, Phil Ireland, Stan Lumley, Andy Paraskos and Graham Swift.

Late Arrivals: None
Early Departures: None

58/18 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies for absence. (5.31 pm)

59/18 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Rebecca Burnett declared an interest in relation to Minute 68/17 on the basis that she was employed by Transdev, the bus operator. The Councillor remained in the meeting room during the debate, however she did not vote on the item. (5.31 pm)

60/18 – MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 17 October 2018 were approved unanimously as a correct record and signed by the Chair. (5.31 pm)

61/18 – EXEMPT INFORMATION: The reports considered under Minutes 64/18 and 75/18 were considered to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act. In addition the appendices to the reports considered under Minutes 71/18, 73/18 and 74/18 were also deemed to be exempt. Discussion on all these items took place in open session. (5.32 pm)

MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION

62/18 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY: DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE: Further to Cabinet Minute 53/18, the Executive Officer Policy and Place submitted the written report on the Community infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule which had previously been considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 17 October 2018. The report outlined the process for preparation of a CIL, gave details of proposed charging rates and explained how any money raised could be spent. Appendix 1 contained the Draft Charging Schedule. An amended version was tabled at the meeting following legal advice to update regulation numbers and include charging zone maps.

At its meeting on 17 October 2018 the Cabinet had requested District Development Committee provide its comments and recommendations on the proposed content of the CIL Draft Charging Schedule. The District Development Committee had met on
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18 October 2018 and considered the Schedule and the comments and questions of the Committee had been noted and were now included in the Minutes of that meeting, which were now before the Cabinet for consideration. In addition it had been agreed that the CIL implementation plan would be taken to the District Development Committee for comment and that the Regulation 123 statement would be brought to the District Development Committee every year before being confirmed by Council.

The Cabinet Member for Planning thanked the District Development Committee for its comments and advised that a further round of consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule would take place in January, prior to its submission for examination in the Summer of 2019.

RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That (1) Appendix 1 to the report is approved as the CIL Draft Charging Schedule;

   (2) the Executive Officer Policy and Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, be authorised to make minor amendments and graphical improvements to the CIL Draft Charging Schedule;

   (3) the Council:
       1. undertake a six week formal consultation on the CIL Draft Charging Schedule in January 2019;
       2. subsequently submit to the Secretary of State all relevant documentation for examination; and

   (4) in event of modifications being required to the Draft Charging Schedule prior to its submission, the Head of Place-Shaping and Economic Growth in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning be authorised to make these changes and undertake any necessary pre-submission consultation.

(5.32 pm – 5.33 pm)

63/18 – SPORTS AND LEISURE STRATEGY 2018-23: The Head of Culture, Tourism and Sport submitted a written report which sought approval of the draft Sport and Leisure Strategy, which was attached as Appendix 1. The Strategy set out a high level strategic vision which was for the district to have “A healthier more active population living longer, more independent and happier lives” and underpinning this were strategic priorities and principles of delivery. An Action Plan would be developed to implement the strategy which would guide the future of the Council’s Sport and Leisure Services for the next five years.

The strategy had been developed following workshops with officers and Members. Public consultation on the draft strategy had taken place over the summer and had included the Council’s partner organisations and groups and clubs which used the Council’s leisure facilities. The results of the consultation were attached at Appendix B.

RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):
That the Sport and Leisure Strategy (attached as Appendix A) be approved.

(5.33 pm – 5.36 pm)

64/18 – CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2018/19 QUARTER 2: The Head of Finance submitted a written report and sought approval for the amended Capital Programme for 2018/19 and indicative Programme from 2019/20 to 2022/23. The Council had made good progress in taking a more proactive approach to its asset management and ensuring that the return from investment was maximised. Positive developments included: Planned Asset Maintenance, the move to new office accommodation, introduction of the Capital and Investment Strategy and the establishment of a Council Investment Reserve. A number of significant reviews would impact on the Capital and Investment Strategy in the future and these included the Leisure Provision review, HCC Future Strategy, the ICT Plan and the Economic Growth Strategy.

The amended Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2022/23 was outlined in Table 1 at paragraph 7.1 of the report, and further detail was given at Appendix 1. Paragraph 7.2 detailed works which had resulted in an increase from the original approved programme. This included the increased cost of replacement cremators, an increase of £635k as agreed by Cabinet in October, and which was to be funded by delaying the provision of new burial plots from 2025/26 to 2026/27. The amended Revenue Investment Programme for 2018/19 to 2022/23 was shown in Table 2 at paragraph 7.3, and further detail was given at Appendix 2, this was less than the agreed programme as a result of works detailed at paragraph 7.4. Overall, capital and revenue expenditure of £38,446k was forecast in the amended five year rolling programme to 2023, which was £732k more than the previously approved programmes; £635k of this related to the replacement cremators.

RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):

The amended Programme for 2018/19 and Indicative Programmes from 2019/20 to 2022/23 are approved, noting that future developments around leisure provision, ICT, Harrogate Convention Centre (HCC) and Economic Growth will have an impact on the figures in the report.

(5.36 pm – 5.37 pm)

65/18 – DELEGATED POWERS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE HARROGATE DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN: The Executive Officer Policy and Place submitted a written report which sought agreement on the process of decision making during the Examination of the Harrogate District Local Plan. Following submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State on 31 August 2018 the Examination phase was due to take place during January 2019. During the course of the examination it was expected that the Inspector would request further information and opinions on amendments from the Council. Prompt responses would be required to ensure that the Examination could progress efficiently and delegated authority would assist in keeping to the timetable established by the
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Inspector. Cabinet noted that ultimately any resultant modifications to the Local Plan would be brought back to Council for agreement prior to the Plan being adopted.

RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Officer Policy and Place for the duration of the Examination, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning to:

a. provide formal responses to questions from the Inspector alongside other supporting statements and documentation as requested by the Inspector; AND

b. to agree to modifications to the plan through the examination period in order to make the plan sound.

(5.48 pm to 5.50 pm)