

CABINET

At a meeting of Cabinet held on
13 March 2024

(Present) **Councillor Baines (Chair)**
Councillors Bond, Charlton, Gomez-Aspron MBE,
Groucutt, McCauley and Quinn

(Not Present) **Councillors Bowden, Burns and Uddin**

95 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowden, Burns and Uddin.

96 MINUTES

* **Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on
28 February 2024 be approved and signed.**

97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

No Declarations of Interest from Members were made.

Councillor McCauley entered the meeting during the following item.

98 CABINET RESPONSE TO THE SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT REVIEW OF DENTISTRY

A report was submitted which provided Cabinet with the recommendations and action plan of the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee spotlight review of Dentistry which was undertaken in October 2023.

The purpose of the spotlight review was to enable elected members, relevant services and key partners to:

- gain insight into the difficulties residents are currently facing in accessing dental services,
- improve access for residents,
- understand the road map to improve services and reassure residents,
- understand future plans for dentistry in the Borough, the Cheshire and Merseyside Region and the Country, and
- seek to identify where St Helens Council can add value and provide recommendations to support the work being carried.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) the report and Action Plan that sets out the recommendations from the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee Spotlight Review be approved; and**
- (2) a response on the recommendations be provided at the next meeting of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee.**

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99 **ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION MONITORING REPORT 2022-23**

A report was submitted which informed Cabinet that the Council has a duty under the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017, to set measurable equality objectives and publish information about its equality performance annually.

Publication online of St Helens Borough Council's Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Monitoring Report 2022-23 (Appendix 1), enables the council to demonstrate that it has met the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017 publishing duty.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the St Helens Borough Council's Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Monitoring Report 2022-23, be approved for publication.**

100 **NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS HEALTH & FITNESS IMPROVEMENTS**

A report was submitted which outlined the benefits and risks of upgrading the current sand dressed synthetic and halogen floodlights at Newton-le-Willows Health & Fitness to a 3G surface with LED lighting, alongside the implications of not progressing with the proposed infrastructure upgrades.

Cabinet was informed that given the age and obsolescence of the existing sand-based synthetic pitch at Newton Health and Fitness, consideration had been given to its replacement with a new 3G playing surface at the earliest opportunity. This would increase capacity and attendances for local community clubs, whilst protecting and enhancing revenue contributions.

Cabinet was informed that the decision was a Key Decision and details had been published in accordance with the provisions within the Constitution.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the upgrading of the pitch and floodlighting at Newton-le-Willows Health & Fitness at a cost of up to £650,000 be approved (subject to confirmation of grant funding from the Football Foundation of up to £455,000); and**
- (2) **the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer be delegated authority to accept a grant of up to £455,000 and award related contracts via the Football Foundation Frameworks for the proposed upgrade works.**