

## **SHADOW CABINET**

**Monday 17 July 2017 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors G. Stafford (chair), Conti, Mullins, Proud, Sumner, and Young.

**In attendance:** Councillors Seema Kumar and Joanna Dabrowska

**Officers:** Linda Zimmerman

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Millican, Reece and A .Stafford

**2. Matters to be considered in Private**

There were none.

**4. Urgent Matters**

There were none.

**6. Minutes of the Shadow Cabinet Meeting held on 19 June 2017**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2017 be agreed as a true record.

**7. Cabinet Minutes 11 July 2017**

Members discussed the reports submitted to the July 2017 meeting of Cabinet. The Chair reported that members had spoken on 2 items.

**Item 08 – Budget Strategy 2018-19**

Councillor Young spoke at Cabinet on this item highlighting the increase in the budget gap over the past three months from £26m to £35m; this was out of a controllable net budget of £240m. Savings were not being achieved in year. Councillor Mullins raised, with Shadow Cabinet, the issue of how much was being spent on out of borough provisions for children which were more expensive than in borough.

Shadow Cabinet agreed not to call this item in.

**Item 10 - Selection of a preferred partner for the re-development of Perceval House**  
Councillor Young spoke at Cabinet on this item.

Shadow Cabinet agreed to call this item in for the following reasons:

**Reasons**

To question the soundness of the decision based on facts taken or not taken into account.

**Detailed Reasons**

- 1) To question the building of a 20 storey tower block adjacent to the listed Town Hall.

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- 2) To question the viability of the proposal, in particular whether it is realistic to expect that the remainder of Perceval House will provide sufficient accommodation for Council staff.

**Resolved**

That Shadow Cabinet call in item 10 - Selection of a preferred partner for the re-development of Perceval House.

**9. Issues Raised by Shadow Cabinet**

There were none.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Shadow Cabinet would be held on Monday 18 September 2017 at 7pm.

**COUNCILLOR G STAFFORD  
CHAIR**

The meeting ended at 7.20pm.

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