



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2011

PRESENT: Councillors R Pritchard, J Garner, M Greatorex and M Oates

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director (Resources)), Anica Goodwin (Assistant Chief Executive), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Rob Barnes (Deputy Director (Housing and Health)), Andrew Barratt (Deputy Director (Assets and Environment)), Robert Mitchell (Deputy Director (Community, Partnerships and Development)), Tina Mustafa (Housing Operations Manager), Jane Eason (Senior PR Officer) and Charlotte Green (Communications Officer)

66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Cook, B Beale and S Claymore

67 CORPORATE UPDATE

The Solicitor to the Council and Deputy Director Communities Planning & Partnerships gave a briefing on the Localism Bill.

68 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

70 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES

None

71 TAMWORTH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PLAN ENDORSEMENT

The report of the Leader of the Council seeking endorsement of the Tamworth Strategic Partnership Plan the draft document brought together the findings from the review of the Local Strategic Partnership and outlines the way forward for the TSP, was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The Tamworth Strategic Partnership Plan be endorsed, and;
 - 2 The Deputy Director CPP in consultation with the Leader be authorised to have the final draft desktop published and distributed mainly electronically but with some hard copies available in public buildings.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

72 THIRD SECTOR COMMISSIONING IN PARTNERSHIP (TSCIP) PROGRAMME – TAMWORTH

This report was withdrawn.

73 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2012-2013

The report of the Leader of the Council informing Cabinet of the consultation undertaken with residents, tenants, businesses and the voluntary sector to feed into the budget setting process was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That the report be endorsed taking into account the findings along with other sources of information when setting the 2012/13 budget.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor M Oates)

74 IMPACT OF SUPPORTING PEOPLE FUNDING ON LANDLORD SHELTERED HOUSING SERVICES

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life proposing efficiency savings that will contribute to the Cabinet's intention to protect front line services was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The scale of reduction in funding in order to minimise the overall impact on tenants be challenged, and;
 - 2 A contract variation from Staffordshire County Council avoiding procurement of the accommodation based service in 2012 be accepted, and;
 - 3 Authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder of Quality of Life and Deputy Director of Housing to agree the final approach and detail around efficiency savings.

(Moved by Councillor M Oates and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

75 REVIEW OF UPDATED CEMETERY REGULATIONS

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Waste Management seeking to review the restriction on vehicular access within Tamworth's cemeteries was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The Cemetery gates continue to be left open for pedestrian access as previously approved, and;
 - 2 Vehicular access to all cemeteries be restricted with the exception of Wiggington Road Cemetery and that the necessary amendments to the Cemetery Regulations be made.

(Moved by Councillor J Garner and seconded by Councillor M Oates)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That members of the press and public be now excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1, 3, and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

76 REVIEW OF THE SHOPMOBILITY SERVICE

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets advising Cabinet of the current situation regarding the external provision of the Shopmobility Service and exploring options for the future operation of the service and seeking Members approval to implement the most suitable of those options was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 That the recommendations as contained in the report be approved, and
 - 2 A formal review of the sustainability of the Shopmobility service be received by the end of March 2012.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

Leader