



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 4th APRIL 2012

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard, S Claymore, 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)), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Rob Barnes (Deputy Director (Housing and Health)), Robert Mitchell (Deputy Director (Communities, Planning and Partnerships)), Steve Pointon (Housing Strategy Manager) and John Day (Corporate Performance Officer)

146 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

147 CORPORATE UPDATE

The Chief Executive gave a presentation on the Corporate Plan.

148 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

None

151 TEMPORARY RESERVES, RETAINED FUNDS AND PROVISIONS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets seeking approval for the establishment or retention of Temporary Reserves, Retained Funds and Provisions, to write back to balances those reserves that have been identified as no longer being required was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 Cabinet approved in principle the creation/retention of Temporary Reserves as detailed in this report and considered whether a spending plan against each of the individual reserves will be required;
 - 2 Cabinet approved that should the actual outturn level adversely vary from the predicted outturn, adjustments will be made and Members may be asked to review the creation of these reserves;
 - 3 Cabinet approved the write-back of reserves as no longer being required in the sum of £145,770 to General Fund Balances, to support the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, and;
 - 4 Additional reserve business case funded totalling £64,330 were agreed as follows:
 - £8,000 Town Hall improvements
 - £6,330 Belgrave Activity Fund
 - £50,000 Corporate Change Project Manager

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

152 DEVELOPMENT OF THE LANDLORD HANDY PERSON SERVICE 2012

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life setting out the arrangements for the Landlord Handy Person Service as detailed in the Repairs Policy, and agreeing the repairs policy following the principles agreed in January 2011 and used for the procurement process was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The Repairs Policy be approved;
 - 2 The implementation arrangements for the Handy Person Service contained within the report be approved;
 - 3 The development of a Q & A leaflet, based on the proposals within the report, for all Sheltered Scheme Residents be approved, and;
 - 4 An update on the progress of the Handy Person Services be brought to Cabinet in October 2012.

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

153 STRATEGIC HOUSING SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life seeking approval to utilise identified resources to support activity to bring empty homes back into use was considered.

RESOLVED: That the use of £90,000 from the Coalfields regeneration funds to support the delivery of a defined Empty Homes Project with Waterloo Housing Group, the County Council and the Homes and Communities Agency be approved.

Cabinet congratulated the officers for their work in this area.

(Moved by Councillor M Oates and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

154 CONSERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking approval one grant application was considered.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £6,141 in respect of 110 Lichfield Street, Tamworth from the conservation budget subject to the normal grant conditions be approved.

(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

155 TAMWORTH COMMUNITY BMX TRACK

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets seeking agreement for the Council to act as the accountable body to facilitate the BMX track and nature area, and to add the project to the Council's Capital Programme was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 The Council acts as the accountable body for the project, and;
- 2 The Community Spaces Delivery Grant (on behalf of the Belgrave Residents Association) of £47,300 to enable the BMX Track and nature area be completed be approved, and;
- 3 Contributions to the value of approximately £3000 be received, and;
- 4 The addition of this project to the capital programme be approved, and;
- 5 The Deputy Director Assets & Environment be authorised to expend the grant and other contributions as necessary to complete the project.

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

Leader