



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), J Chesworth, S Claymore, S Doyle and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Matthew Bowers (Assistant Director Growth & Regeneration), Rob Barnes (Executive Director Communities), Tina Mustafa (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods) and Paul Weston (Assistant Director Assets)

### **45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Cook

### **46 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)*

### **47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **48 QUESTION TIME:**

None

### **49 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES**

The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee presented its Report on the Adoption of the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MDNA) Charter.

**RESOLVED** That Cabinet endorsed the recommendations and recommended that a detailed review be undertaken by Officers to assess the steps required to implement the Charter.

That Cabinet approved the recommendations in principle and if the assessment identified that additional funding would be required, adoption of the Charter would be subject to approval by full Council.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor J Chesworth)*

## 50 CASTLE REVIEW

The Portfolio Holder for Heritage and Growth updated Members on the continued review of the Castle, methods of operation of the Castle and sought permission to commence the implementation of the recommendations from the review.

### RESOLVED

That Cabinet

Approved the proposed changes as detailed in the report to the general public opening hours of the castle and that they commence in April 2019

Gave approval for the Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration to develop a new staff structure and operating method for consideration and approval by Appointments and Staffing Committee

Members endorsed the commencement of formal consultation with staff / trade unions with regards to the implementation of a new staffing structure.

Agreed that any investment requirements for the castle would be considered as part of the Capital Budget process on a return on investment basis.

Gave approval for the Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration to prepare and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Tamworth Castle and Museum

That the following recommendations from Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee (IS&G Committee) be approved:

That Cabinet investigated a commercial decision on the Heritage Day costing structure

That Cabinet received within 4 months an interim progress report on the short terms changes delivered by the implementation of the review, including online ticket sales

That Cabinet received within 12 months a full review on

the impact of the changes delivered by the implementation of the review.

*(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)*

**51 PROPOSED REVISION TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND REVISION TO THE PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SPD**

The Portfolio Holder for Heritage and Growth updated Cabinet on the impact of changes to national policy set out in the revised National Planning Policy Framework in relation to the provision of affordable housing and to seek endorsement of the proposed interpretation of Local Plan policy HG4 (Affordable Housing). Approval was sought to consult on revisions to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document to reflect these changes and to publish the revised document following the period of consultation. Further approval was sought to delegate authority to make minor amendments to the document in future.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council reverted to seeking to secure affordable housing contributions from developments of 10 units and more as set out in policy HG4 of the adopted Local Plan;

That Council noted that part c) of policy HG4 continued to be not in compliance with the NPPF and that little weight should be applied to it when assessing planning applications;

That references to specific paragraphs of the National Planning Policy Framework in the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document be updated to reflect the revised National Planning Policy Framework

That Cabinet approved a period of consultation on revisions to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in recommendations 1 and 2, and approved publication of the revised document subject to the approval of the Portfolio Holder Heritage and Growth

That future minor amendments (changes that would not require a period of public consultation and would not alter the scope or emphasis of the document) to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document be delegated to the Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Heritage and Growth.

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

**52 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN**

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Neighbourhoods reported the progress on preparations for the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan (2018-2048)

**RESOLVED**

That Cabinet

Supported the HRA Business Plan 'challenge and review' together with the options appraisal detailed in Annex one

Recognised and accepted the base line assumptions built into the revised HRA business plan illustrated in the attachments, particularly Annex five

Authorised the £298m detailed in the investment plan shown in Annex 5 to be considered as part of the budget setting process for 2019/2020 to 2024/2025; noted updates to the stock condition modelling and other financial HRA impacts could be assessed through that process and the financial position adjusted accordingly

Supported the Corporate Scrutiny and Tenant Consultative Group's (TCG) recommendations to create a 'neighbourhood fund' up to £250k per annum be considered as part of the budget setting process for 2019/2020 to 2024/2025; by accepting proposals to revise electrical testing and rewiring to fund a place based approach to neighbourhood planning

Approved the HRA business planning priorities informed by TCG and Corporate Scrutiny as detailed in the report

Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Neighbourhoods to approve the final narrative for the HRA business plan by April 2019 and to formalise the draft equality impact assessment

Approved a financial waiver to appoint Housing Finance Associates to adapt the business modelling tool provided for £3,000 for 1 year starting from 6/9/18 to 6/9/19 to ensure sufficient business continuity and familiarity with the business modelling already undertaken. Thereafter delegating authority to the Executive Director Finance to determine whether further support is required.

*(Moved by Councillor M Thurgood and seconded by Councillor S Claymore)*

**53 VIREMENT OF FUNDS WITHIN THE HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Neighbourhoods reported on a proposal to vire funds between capital budgets in connection with the extension of the Wates Repairs & Investment Contract

**RESOLVED** That the £250,000 allocated to the Kitchen Programme [CR2004] as part of the Wates contract was to be vired across to the Roofing Programme [CR2005] to reflect the works identified as being of high priority as part of the Housing Stock Condition Survey.

*(Moved by Councillor M Thurgood and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

**54 RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL TO AWARD HOUSING COMPLIANCE CONTRACT**

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Neighbourhoods seeks retrospective approval to award a contract to Graham Environmental Services for the provision of compliance works, including Asbestos Testing, Legionella Testing and Fire Risk Assessments for a period of 5 years with the option to extend by a further 2 years

**RESOLVED** That following a competitive tender exercise and the commencement of works on site a contract for 5+2 years be awarded retrospectively to Graham [Environmental Services]

*(Moved by Councillor M Thurgood and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

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Leader