



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2012**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard, L Bates, S Claymore, S Doyle and M Greatorex

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues) and Stephen Lewis (Public Health Manager)

### **56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Oates

### **57 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

### **58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

None

### **60 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS**

The Report of the Leader of the Council seeking agreement to the proposed budget and medium term financial planning process for General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account for 2013/14 was considered.

**RESOLVED** That the proposed process for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Budget and Medium Term Financial Planning Process for 2013/14 be adopted.

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

**61 LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE RATE FOR MORTGAGES UNDER HOUSING ACT 1985**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder Core Services and Assets seeking in accordance with Section 438 of the Housing Act 1985, to make the statutory declaration of the local authority mortgage interest rate from 1 October 2012 was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the statutory declaration of interest to be charged at 4.72% be endorsed.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor D Cook)*

**62 RE-INVESTING RIGHT TO BUY RECEIPTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing seeking agreement to the local retention of Right to Buy Receipts to support the delivery of affordable housing and to confirm the action of officers in signing the agreement to retain Right to Buy Receipts in order to meet CLG deadlines was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- 1 The retention of Right to Buy receipts locally to deliver new affordable homes be agreed, and;
- 2 The actions of officers in signing the agreement with CLG to retain Right to Buy receipts locally be retrospectively confirmed by Cabinet in order to meet the Government deadline of 12 noon on 26 September 2012.

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

**63 OPTIONS FOR FLEXIBLE TENURE FOR COUNCIL HOMES**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing setting out the options arising from greater freedoms and flexibilities contained within the Localism Act 2011 to transform Council Housing tenure was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- 1 The Draft Tenancy Management Policy introducing fixed term tenancies from April 2013 for all new tenancies save exceptions listed be approved. Delegating authority to the

- Portfolio Holder of Housing & Director of Housing & Health, to approve any final material amendments as necessary, and;
- 2 The development of an Affordable Rent Policy during 2013/14 which assesses the financial impact and viability of charging increased rents based on the Affordable rent model be approved, and;
  - 3 The route map for delivering the Tenancy Management Policy be approved, and;
  - 4 Financial regulations be waived to allow Trowers & Gill Leng Consultants to advise on the legality of the policy as it is finally implemented and prepare the new fixed term tenancy agreements, with a value of work up to £6000  
*(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

#### **64 TAMWORTH LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Waste Management advising Cabinet of the outcome of the updating and screening assessment for local air quality conducted in accordance with current and future Government requirements was considered.

**RESOLVED:**

That:

- 1 The Updating and Screening Report (USA) and recommendations, as submitted to DEFRA be approved, and by these actions take clear ownership of the final report and its conclusions, and;
- 2 The release of revenue contingency of £10k be further approved to undertake necessary air quality assessments to comply with statutory requirements.  
*(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor L Bates)*

#### **65 TAMWORTH CENTRE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise updating Members on the response and feedback from the consultation events carried out for the Town Centre SPD and to consider an additional consultation phase to take place before the final consultation and adoption by Cabinet of the SPD was considered.

**RESOLVED:**

That:

- 1 The consultation events were well attended but that there was a small response from local businesses to be noted, and;
- 2 An additional consultation period to gather opinions from the private sector especially those based in the town centre, through a targeted consultation be approved

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

## **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 and 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

## **66 TAMWORTH GOLF COURSE**

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise on the need to renegotiate the lease of and regeneration of the golf course was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations as contained in the report be approved.

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

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Leader