



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 26th MARCH 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillors S Claymore, S Doyle, M Greatorex J Oates and D Cook entered the meeting at 6.30pm.

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

### **131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Pritchard.

### **132 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

### **133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**It was agreed that the order of the meeting be changed to discuss Tamworth Golf Club as the first item as there were members of the public present and the item was no longer confidential. This was approved.**

### **134 TAMWORTH GOLF COURSE**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise advising Members of the current situation and seeking to determine Member's preferred option for the future of Tamworth Golf Course was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That Tamworth Borough Council operates Tamworth Golf

- Course for an interim period while considering the longer term sustainability of the course, and;
- a. £116k revenue budget from contingency budget and £100k capital from contingency budget be released, and;
  - b. The Director Communities Planning and Partnerships in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development be authorised to implement interim management arrangements as described in the draft business plan, and;
  - c. The waiver of financial regulations in respect of the procurement of a grounds work contractor be authorised, and;
  - d. The Director Communities Planning and Partnerships and Director Assets and Environment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development be authorised to enter into a licence agreement for an external bar and catering service at the golf course subject to an appropriate business case, and;
  - e. The Director Communities Planning and Partnerships in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Economic Development be authorised to undertake a project to review the long term sustainability of the Golf Course including the potential redevelopment of some of the course for future re-investment in golf and other services/projects.

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

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

None

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

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Core Services and Assets in accordance with Section 438 of the Housing Act 1985, making the statutory declaration of the local mortgage interest rate from 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013 was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the statutory rate of interest be endorsed to remain unchanged at 4.72%.

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

**137 HEALTHIER TAMWORTH**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Health providing background information to the Healthy Cities network and agree to the registration of Tamworth to the network was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The registration of Tamworth BC to the UK Healthy Cities Network be agreed, and;
  - 2 The Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Safety be named as the political lead for the development of the Healthy cities concept within Tamworth, and;
  - 3 The £15k Healthy Living Programme contingency budget be released and as part of the final accounts process reserved to support the delivery of the Healthy Tamworth initiative, and;
  - 4 The Director of Housing and Health working in consultation with partners develop a strategic plan to develop and deliver the aims of Healthier Tamworth.

*(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor S Claymore)*

**138 ALLOCATIONS POLICY**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing updating Cabinet on key issues relating to demand for social housing in Tamworth and seeking approval for amendments to the Allocations Policy subject to the completion of consultation was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The draft policy be approved subject to the completion of formal consultation, and;
  - 2 Following the completion of consultation a further report be submitted to full Council by September 2013 to agree the final policy.

*(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)*

**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).

**139 HOUSING REGENERATION PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing was considered.

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

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

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Leader