



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 17th OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), J Chesworth, M Cook and S Doyle

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Stefan Garner (Executive Director Finance) and Matthew Fletcher (Head of Economic Development and Regeneration)

Apologies received from: Councillor(s) D Cook and J Oates

16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor M Cook)

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

18 QUESTION TIME:

No Questions received

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

The Chair of Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee attended Cabinet to present his report in respect of Public Service Registers.

RESOLVED That

Tamworth Borough Council would utilise its social media profiles and other means i.e. correspondence to encourage those who were eligible, or those who know people who were eligible, to sign up for Public Service Registers across all sectors.

(Moved by Councillor J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor M Cook)

20 BUSINESS RATES POOLING 2020/21

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Assets and Finance considered the options for the operation of a Business Rate pool with other Local Authorities from April 2020, arising from the deferral of the planned reform of the Business Rates Retention scheme

RESOLVED That Cabinet

- a) Approved the principle of the Staffordshire pool remaining in place for 2020/21;
- b) Delegated approval for the Executive Director Finance (Section 151 Officer), in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, to agree, in conjunction with the other authorities of the proposed pool, the detail of the 2020/21 application.

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

21 EXCLUSION OF THE 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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

22 FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND

The Portfolio Holder for Heritage and Growth provided an update to Cabinet on progress against the Future High Streets Fund project to date and sought endorsement of relevant actions needed to meet key project milestones

RESOLVED That;

1. Cabinet acknowledged grant funding due from Government up to the value of £150,000.

2. Cabinet approved the creation of additional budget under account GS0402 32050 of £150,000 based on grant income from Government, to be ring fenced solely for the use of the Future High Streets Fund project in financial year 2019/2020 and any underspend be retained for use in financial year 2020/2021.
3. Authority was given to procure and appoint such specialists as is deemed necessary to produce a fully compliant business case.
4. Cabinet endorsed changes to the Economic Development and Regeneration business plan priorities
5. Cabinet endorsed all activity undertaken to date
6. Cabinet endorsed the outline scope of the Business Case projects and acknowledged this may change during the project.
7. Cabinet endorsed future activity.

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

Leader