



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 4th MARCH 2020

PRESENT: Councillor R Kingstone (Mayor), Councillors R Claymore, M Bailey, D Box, P Brindley, J Chesworth, R Bilcliff, T Clements, D Cook, M Cook, C Cooke, S Doyle, J Faulkner, M J Greatorex, T Jay, K Norchi, J Oates, M Oates, S People, Dr S People, B Price, R Pritchard, S Pritchard, R Rogers, P Standen, M Summers and P Thurgood

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Anna Miller (Assistant Director – Growth & Regeneration), Lorraine Fowkes (Solicitor to the Council), Matthew Fletcher (Head of Economic Development and Regeneration) and Jodie Small (Legal, Democratic and Corporate Support Assistant)

Apologies received from: Councillor(s) A Farrell, R Ford and S Goodall

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Dr S People, P Brindley, S People, P Standen, J Faulkner and M Summers all declared an interest on item 5 of the agenda but this interest did not impede them from voting.

35 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Mayor R Kingstone announced the following;

“Welcome for the first time this municipal year to the Council Chamber here at Marmion House. As you probably gathered the heating at the Town Hall is the reason for the move this evening. Apologies to any of you that didn’t get the memo that was sent out yesterday, but just a reminder and to put it on record, that because we cannot guarantee that the heating will be fixed by 5pm tomorrow, the Town Hall meeting that is scheduled for next week, on Tuesday, The State of Tamworth debate, will also be held in this chamber. But the meeting on the 17th March will be held back at the Council Chamber at the Town Hall. Tea and coffee will be available for all future meetings in the Town Hall”.

36 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meeting and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, and Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor Dr S Peuple)

37 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND

Councillor R Pritchard left the meeting at 6.25pm

The Portfolio Holder for Heritage and Growth provided an update to Council on progress against the Future High Streets Fund application for funding to date and seek endorsement of the high level preferred options that will be submitted to HM Government as an Outline business case, by March 16th 2020.

RESOLVED That

- 1 Council approved in principle the preferred project options for the structural transformational change of Tamworth Town Centre.
- 2 Council delegated authority to the Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration (as designated Senior Responsible Officer), in consultation with the Portfolio holder, the Chief Executive and the Section 151 Officer, to submit the Outline Business Case to HM Government by 16th March 2020.
- 3 Council agreed that the Future High Streets Fund project team will continue to develop preferred projects and work up a full Business Case, subject to HM Government feedback and further consultation with key members.
- 4 Council agreed that the Future High Streets fund project team will continue to negotiate and come to appropriate agreements with key stakeholders on aspects of the preferred options, as required by HM Government for submission of the full business case by 30th June 2020.
- 5 Council will receive a further report to approve the final submission of the business case.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor B Price)

Recorded Voting Procedure*Rule 4.15.1 of the Constitution*

If five members present at the meeting demand it, the names for and against the motion or amendment or abstaining from voting will be taken down in writing and entered into the minutes

FOR

Councillor M Bailey
Councillor R Bilcliff
Councillor D Box
Councillor P Brindley
Councillor J Chesworth
Councillor R Claymore
Councillor T Clements
Councillor C Cooke
Councillor D Cook
Councillor M Cook
Councillor S Doyle
Councillor J Faulkner
Councillor M J Greatorex
Councillor T Jay
Councillor R Kingstone
Councillor K Norchi
Councillor J Oates
Councillor M Oates
Councillor Dr S Peple
Councillor S Peple
Councillor B Price
Councillor S Pritchard
Councillor R Rogers
Councillor P Standen
Councillor M Summers
Councillor P Thurgood

The Mayor