



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), J Chesworth, M Cook, S Doyle and J Oates

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Rob Barnes (Executive Director Communities), Stefan Garner (Executive Director Finance), Joanne Sands (Assistant Director Partnerships), Jo Hutchison (Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Elections Officer), Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager), Sue Phipps (Strategic Housing Manager) and Linda Ram (Public Relations Officer and Copywriter)

The following Councillors were in attendance:

Councilor R Ford
Councilor Dr. S Peple

43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

44 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

The Chair made the following announcement

The minutes of the last meeting also make reference to the Re-set & Recovery paper, which contains eight work streams that the Council will be working towards to re-balance our finances post Covid 19. Just want to make a quick announcement as per referenced in the Re-set & Recovery paper it was agreed an additional Scrutiny format or working group would be created to scrutinise the work streams that come from the Re-set & Recovery paper. I have spoken with the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Opposition and I am pleased to announce that Committee will be made up of the three Scrutiny Chairmen:
Councillor Thomas Jay

Councillor Simon Goodall

Councillor Richard Ford

And three other members of each Scrutiny Committee that will be chosen by the Leader of the Opposition Councillor Simon Peaple. I believe Councillor Dr. Peaple as chosen

Councillor Sheree Peaple

Councillor Patrick Standen

Councillor Dr. Simon Peaple

The Committee will be chaired jointly by Councillor Thomas Jay and Councillor Dr. Simon Peaple.

45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

46 QUESTION TIME:

None

47 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OR BY THE COUNCIL)

Councillor Richard Ford, Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee attended to endorse the Homelessness Strategy that was reviewed by the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in September. Councillor Ford thanked the Cabinet Member & Officers who had compiled the report and thanked them for attending the meeting. There were no recommendations made by the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet on the Homelessness Strategy, however Councillor Ford attended to make the following observations:

1. Committee would have welcomed more detail on the arrangements for any further local lockdown, and therefore given that there is now a national second lockdown, this area is something which the Committee would like to see at it's December meeting.
2. Committee requested that Report Writers minimise the use of acronyms and /or ensure they are fully explained
3. Committee would have liked to see a list of all partners involved in supporting this area.

48 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2021/22

Report of the Leader of the Council to inform Cabinet of the outcomes arising from consultation undertaken with residents, businesses and the voluntary sector in accordance with the corporate budget setting process.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. endorsed the report and
2. Agreed to take account of the findings, along with other sources of information, when setting the 2021/22 Budget

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and Seconded by Councillor J Chesworth)

49 TAMWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL GRANT SCHEMES

Report of the Portfolio Holder Environment and Culture to review current Tamworth Borough Council grant funding to community, arts, sports, small businesses, not for profit and voluntary organisations

RESOLVED That Cabinet

1. agreed that the award of Tamworth Borough Council Arts, Sports, Voluntary and business grants in their current format and criteria are suspended;
2. agreed to a single Community grants budget being adopted for application by Community Groups/ individuals across all areas with new criteria aligned to Council priorities;
3. agreed that the award of grants at this time is delegated to the Portfolio Holder Environment and Culture/Portfolio Holder Heritage and Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Director Housing and Communities;
4. approved £6,200 be made immediately available for community grant awards in Quarter 3 and 4 2020/21;
5. agreed that Tamworth Business grants be suspended until January 2021 with a grant budget of £15,000 to run until March 31st 2021;
6. approved a complete review of the operation of all grants by 31st March 2021 in light of the Covid pandemic;
7. agreed that all grants awarded should demonstrate value for money and value to the people of Tamworth and have specific outcomes that can be recorded.
8. approved an additional saving of £16,390 for 2020/21 (all grants) above the £16,000 already identified in Quarter 1 2020/21

(Moved by Councillors J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

50 HOUSING STRATEGY 2021-23

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods to consider the adoption of the draft Tamworth Borough Council Housing Strategy 2020-2025

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. Agreed that the contents and proposed actions contained within the consultation final draft Housing Strategy are adopted for publication
2. Agreed that the amendments recommended by the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny meeting on 20th October are included within the strategy.

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

Leader