



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 29th JULY 2021

PRESENT: Councillor J Oates (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), M Bailey, D Cook and A Farrell

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Tina Mustafa (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods), Sarah McGrandle (Assistant Director Operations and Leisure) and Jo Hutchison (Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Doyle.

25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2021 were approved as a correct record.

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

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

27 QUESTION TIME:

None.

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

None.

29 TAMWORTH COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Waste to approve a revised criteria and process for Tamworth Community Grants and Start Up Business Grants 2021/22 was presented.

Cabinet thanked the Portfolio Holder and Officers for their work in bringing forward the proposals under consideration.

RESOLVED that:

1. The allocation of £9,000 be made available for Ward members grant funding for community groups delegated for decision by the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Waste and Executive Director Communities
2. An allocation of £18,590 continue to be made available for wider Tamworth community grant funding against existing criteria and agreed through the new Nominations and Grants Committee (subject to approval of revised Constitution)
3. The maximum fund allocations for the Community grants was raised to £1,000 per application
4. The Nominations and Grants Committee approve the award of the existing Tamworth Start up Business Grants
5. Allocations for all grant to be made quarterly commencing September 2021
6. A permanent central Community grants budget be created within the Partnerships directorate incorporating Voluntary/Sports and Arts grants

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

30 LEISURE SERVICES

The Report of the Portfolio for Environment and Leisure outlined the proposed options and plan for the:

1. Update of the Council's Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Assessment, to also include:
 - a review of the playing pitch strategy
 - a new open spaces assessment
 - a feasibility study for the Gungate Leisure facilities offer
2. The refurbishment of the Castle Grounds tennis courts.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

1. Delegated authority to the Assistant Director Operation and Leisure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Leisure to enter into contract with the most economically viable quotations received for:-
 - the Council's Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Assessment
 - the Council's open space assessment
 - the Gungate leisure facilities feasibility study
 - the refurbishment of the Castle Grounds Tennis Court facilities
2. Endorsed the approach outlined in the report.
3. Approved the release of the allocated Section 106 funds as detailed within the report.

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

31 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 Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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

32 RECOVERY & RESET PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Report of the Leader of the Council updated Cabinet on progress of the Recovery & Reset Programme.

RESOLVED that Cabinet endorsed the recommendations contained within the Report and referred them to Full Council for approval, set for a meeting on 25 August 2021, including the budgetary requirements (and forecast savings) for inclusion in the budget process for 2022/23.

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

Leader