



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 17th MARCH 2022

PRESENT: Councillor J Oates (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), M Bailey, S Doyle, A Farrell and M Summers

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Tina Mustafa (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods), Matthew Fletcher (Head of Economic Development and Regeneration) and Jo Hutchison (Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

123 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2022 were approved as a correct record.

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

124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

125 QUESTION TIME:

There were no Questions.

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

The report of the Chair of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee was considered at minute number 129 (Economic Development Service Workplan 2022-2025).

127 NEW VISION AND CORPORATE PLAN 2022-2025

The report of the Leader of the Council to provide Cabinet Members with an update of the Council's new vision and Corporate Plan for the period to 2022-2025.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:
approved the new vision and Corporate Plan

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

128 REGENERATION PROJECTS - CONSULTANCY SUPPORT

The report of the Leader of the Council to approve the procurement approach to appoint external consultancy services in order to support the design, development and delivery of regeneration focused projects.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:
approved the procurement route for developing a project pipeline and completing business cases.

approved the creation of a £200,000 retained fund for supporting the development of regeneration project pipeline and completing relevant business case submissions, funded through a transfer from the Transformation Reserve

approved the procurement route for appointing technical support to enable and directly deliver projects.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor M Summers)

129 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE WORKPLAN 2022 - 2025

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Skills, Planning, Economy and Waste to define and agree a 3-year work plan, with associated resources that addresses key Council priorities, by delivering tourism and economic development focused activity, primarily in the town centre.

The Chair of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee reported to Cabinet the recommendations from the scrutiny committee and Cabinet agreed to include the additional recommendation regarding eligibility for town centre grants and noted that the scrutiny committee's suggestions in terms of financial contribution to the Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership had been addressed.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:
approved a financial contribution to support Staffordshire Destination Management Partnership (DMP) for financial year 2022/2023 with delegated authority given to the

Assistant Director, Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder(s) to make a decision on extending the contribution further on a year by year basis.

approved all resource changes needed in order to deliver the activity defined in this report.

approved the package of economic measures detailed in the report focusing on town centre businesses and the wider tourism based economy.

approved the change of focus from the current start-up business grant to the town centre business grant for a 3 year period.

agreed that organisations which remained at this time subject to investigation by HMRC in respect of any applications for COVID related claims would be ineligible for Town Centre Business Grants.

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

130 COUNCIL HOUSING RENT ACCREDITATION

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness and Social Housing:

1. To outline Housing Quality Network's (HQN) `Maximising Income and Sustaining Tenancies` (MIST) Accreditation Award to Tamworth Borough Council, including the assessment process and findings report.
2. To update Cabinet on Tamworth Borough Council's `Maximising Income and Sustaining Tenancies, 3 Year Improvement Action Plan 2022 – 2025`.

RESOLVED

that Cabinet:

acknowledged the independent assessment resulting in the Re-Accreditation of the Councils council housing rent and tenancy sustainment services. **Appendix D: Assessment Report.**

approved the Council's Maximising Income and Sustaining Tenancies, 3 Year Improvement Action Plan 2022 – 2025`. **Appendix A: Action Plan.**

(Moved by Councillor A Farrell and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)

Leader