



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
CABINET  
HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor , Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), T Clements, S Doyle, A Farrell and M Summers

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Matthew Fletcher (Head of Economic Development and Regeneration) and Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager)

**55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Bailey & J Oates

Councillor Alex Farrell left the meeting at 18.10 after Exclusion of Press & Public

**56 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022 were approved as a record.

*(Moved by Councillor A Farrell and seconded by Councillor M Summers)*

**57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**58 QUESTION TIME:**

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 1 Under Schedule 4, 13, Mr H Loxton will ask the Leader of the Council Councillor Jeremy Oates the following question:-

What engagement has taken place with residents in relation to the council's annual fireworks display since the event last year?

**Councillor J Oates gave the following answer:**

There are many routes in which TBC engages directly with local residents and businesses.

Last year's fireworks event saw unprecedented numbers of visitors to the Castle grounds. It was the first major outdoor event the Council had undertaken since the pandemic and visitors returned in their thousands.

As the biggest most popular event the council puts I feel sends out a clear message this event is enjoyed and welcomed by the majority.

We should always reflect and consider why we do anything we do as a council especially if, like outdoor events, we do not have to do anything as its not our duty to do so.

With regards the fireworks and other outdoor events we must review our approach regularly.

The councils position on outdoor events is simple, we put them on for people to enjoy but primarily they are put on to attract people to Tamworth and support the businesses we have here.

Specifically regarding fireworks displays many reviews have been taken over the last 16 years and the event has changed such as the removal of the bonfire. So why do we have a large fireworks display/event. The original reasons still stand – Holding large events reduces the number of domestic displays and therefore reduces the sale of fireworks, the dangers of fireworks, the environmental impact in all forms of pollution (sound, light and the products of combustion)

Holding large events brings people together at a time of year in which many wouldn't get together,

Holding the fireworks event brings people in to Tamworth.

The last event was extremely busy and did result in some complaints mainly concerning parking,

To make people aware, these events take a lot of co-ordination and management and as such, the council establish what is called a SAG (Safety Advisory Group). This group meets prior to the event being held (on a number of occasions) and then again after the event to discuss lessons learned and to make sure it is better next time around. This group is made up of all blue light services, local and County Council Officers, together with the appointed security team representatives and Health and Safety advisors.

Since that time the security for the whole event has been reviewed and a revised event plan is in place which includes:

- Consideration of additional road closures to ensure safe ingress and egress of visitors.
- Additional signage to improve awareness will be in place around the Castle grounds.
- Increased lighting within the Castle grounds
- Additional noise monitoring
- Allowing more space for the Fair to operate its rides
  
- Tamworth Football Club opening their car park to provide more parking spaces.

The final safety advisory group meeting is being held this week, when all of the concerns raised last year will be discussed and a final decision on whether the event goes ahead is made.

Once this had happened the event details will be publicised through various media channels.

## **59 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CABINET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES**

Report of the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee to update Cabinet and to make recommendations to it following consideration of matters by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

At its meeting on 6th October 2022, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee received:

1. The Gungate Regeneration Programme Terms of Reference report, prior to Cabinet receiving this item at its meeting on 10th November 2022; and
2. A Street Market update

Following its consideration of the above items, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee agreed to make recommendations to Cabinet as set out below.

### **Recommendations**

#### **1. Gungate Regeneration Programme Terms of Reference**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Cabinet that the Programme Board had a member of the Opposition on it (such member to be agreed by the two leaders of the opposition groups).

*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor S Peale)*

#### **2. Street Market Update**

**RESOLVED** that the Committee recommend to Cabinet that Cabinet instigate a focussed review of the market strategy as a result of the changes in business conditions.

*(Moved by Councillor S Goodall and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)*

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet

#### **1. Gungate Regeneration Programme Terms of Reference**

Thanked the Chairman for the recommendation that will be discussed as part of the report at the 10<sup>th</sup> November Cabinet meeting.

## 2. **Street Market Update**

Agreed to look at but would encourage Scrutiny Committee to look and do a deep dive into this as well.

The Recommendation from the Chair of Infrastructure Safety and Growth Committee was discussed at item 6 on the agenda

## **60 NET ZERO CARBON - BASELINE REPORTING**

Report of the Leader of the Council to update Cabinet on progress made towards achieving Net Zero Carbon.

The Chair of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee updated Cabinet to make recommendations to it following consideration of matters by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee

At its meeting on 26th September 2022, the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee received the Net Zero Carbon – baseline reporting item. This item is due to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 20th October 2022.

Following its consideration of the above item, the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee endorsed the baseline assessment and agreed to add a timescale to the report's recommendation regarding the preparation of an Action Plan and accordingly the committee made the recommendation to Cabinet as set out below.

Recommendation

Net Zero Carbon – baseline reporting

The Committee RESOLVED it recommend to Cabinet that an Action Plan be prepared by 31 December 2024.

(Moved by Councillor S Goodall and seconded by Councillor S People)

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. Endorsed the baseline assessment; and
2. Agreed that an action plan is prepared subject to the timeline suggested by I S &G Scrutiny Committee by 31 December 2024

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor A Farrell)*

The Chair asked to be noted that a letter as been forwarded by the MP regarding the third phase of the public de-carbonisation scheme which the MP will support any bids from Tamworth Borough Council. (Letter attached)

## **61 COUNCIL HOUSING TENANTS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Social Housing and Homelessness Prevention to set out the detail informing the production of the Councils Annual Report for council housing tenants' (2021/22). The report also continues to highlight to Cabinet the Regulatory Social Housing's requirements in relation to the Council's stock retained service, the findings of the Regulator of Social Housing's Consumer Regulation Review 2021/22 and update Cabinet on the development of findings of the independent review of the Council's compliance with the regulatory standards and the social housing white paper, across the range of responsible corporate teams.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet

1. Approved the draft `Council Housing Tenants Annual Report 2021/22` for circulation to all Council's tenants via the Council's website as required by the Regulator for Social Housing, to support effective scrutiny by tenants of their landlord's performance. Appendix A
2. delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Social Housing & Homelessness Prevention to make the necessary amendments to the draft Council Housing Tenants Annual Report 2021/22, prior to digital circulation to Council's tenants
3. acknowledged the detail within the report relating to rent arrears performance, which responds to Corporate Scrutiny questions raised for quarter 1, 2022-2023
4. acknowledged findings contained within the Consumer Regulation Review 2021/22. Appendix B; and
5. Noted that a separate report is on the forward plan for 10th Nov 2022 to findings of Tamworth's Consumer Regulation Review self-assessment and proposed improvement plans.

*(Moved by Councillor A Farrell and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

## **62 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 seconded by Councillor A Farrell)*

**63 MARMION HOUSE DISPOSAL ROUTES**

**Resolved:** that the recommendations in the report be approved

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

**64 AMINGTON LOCAL CENTRE UPDATE**

**Resolved:** that the recommendations in the report be approved

*(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor M Summers)*

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Leader



Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

Minute Item 60

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10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Colleague,

## **NEXT PHASE OF FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION SCHEME**

**I am writing to inform you that the application window for the next phase of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (Phase 3B) will open on 12 October 2022. The scheme will provide up to £635 million of funding for decarbonising public sector buildings, and I am therefore writing to ensure that you are aware of this opportunity. This programme complements the Government's 'Help to Heat' offer for households and I am seeking your support in promoting it to public sector bodies in your constituency including schools, emergency services, local authorities and hospitals.**

The Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme supports vital upgrades to our public sector buildings, saving money on energy bills, supporting our pathway to net zero and increasing demand for low carbon heating measures across the country, giving the sector confidence to recruit, train and support green jobs. The Scheme supports the aim of reducing emissions from public sector buildings by 75% by 2037 as set out in the 2021 Net Zero and Heat and Buildings strategies.

Phase 3 of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme will provide up to £1.425 billion of grant funding over the financial years 2022/2023 to 2024/2025. Phase 3 represents a welcome opportunity for us to further advance our national decarbonisation agenda, resulting in greater carbon savings and reduced energy bills for public sector organisations, consequently saving taxpayers' money.

Over £555 million of Phase 3 funding has been awarded to 219 projects through the first Phase 3a application window last year. Details of grant recipients for all phases of the Scheme can be found at the links provided below. The second application window for Phase 3b will award up to £635 million to public sector organisations over the financial years 2023/2024 to 2024/2025.

The Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme is open to all public sector organisations in England, including central Government Departments. For public services that are

reserved, rather than devolved, funding may be used to make improvements to estates anywhere in the UK.

The updated guidance and application form for Phase 3b were published on 2 August 2022 by our delivery partner, Salix Finance. The application window for Phase 3b will open to applications on 12 October 2022 and will close on 31 October 2022 if a sufficient value of applications has been received for the budget available. Details of the scheme and the application portal can be found at the links below.

I would be grateful if you could help to encourage public sector bodies in your constituency to participate in the Scheme. I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Ansdell, Gavin (Implementation & Delivery) <Gavin.Ansdell@beis.gov.uk>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Callanan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Lord Callanan**

Links:

Information about the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/public-sector-decarbonisation-scheme>

PSDS Phase 3b scheme guidance and application form:

<https://www.salixfinance.co.uk/Phase3bPSDS>

Grant recipients for Phase 1 of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-sector-decarbonisation-scheme-phase-1-closed-to-applications>

Grant recipients for Phase 2 of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-sector-decarbonisation-scheme-phase-2-closed-to-applications>

Grant recipients for Phase 3a of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-sector-decarbonisation-scheme-phase-3>