



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 31st OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT: Councillor , Councillors C Dean, D Foster, N Arkney, B Clarke, S Daniels and L Smith

The following officers were present: Stephen Gabriel (Chief Executive), Rob Barnes (Executive Director Communities), Paul Weston (Assistant Director Assets), Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager) and Laura Sandland (Democratic and Executive Support Officer)

61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence. Cllr L Smith arrived at 18.03.

62 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th October 2024 were approved as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor S Daniels)

63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

64 QUESTION TIME:

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

Report of the Chair of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee to Notify Cabinet of the recommendations from the Maintenance of Estates and Open Spaces item that was discussed at the meeting of Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee on the 2nd October 2024.

Following consideration of the item the Committee agree to the following recommendations being made to Cabinet:

1. That the Council investigates how it could provide an educational

programme to inform residents of the services that Tamworth Borough Council are responsible for and what the County are responsible for.

(Moved by Councillor B Price and seconded by councillor L Clarke)

2. Investigate the purchase of a bank cutting machine

(Moved by Councillor M Clarke and seconded by Councillor C Adams)

RESOLVED that Cabinet

Approved the two recommendations from the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Committee

(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor N Arkney)

66 STAFFORDSHIRE LEADERS BOARD UPDATE

Report of the Leader of the Council, to Inform Cabinet of the Staffordshire Leaders Board action to write jointly to Government to seek a conversation about devolution and how it could benefit the whole of Staffordshire

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

1. Noted this update from the Staffordshire Leaders Board

(Moved by Councillor L Smith and seconded by Councillor S Daniels)

67 FHSF UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2024

Report of the Leader of the council. Provided an update on the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF) programme of works.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

1. Noted the progress and challenges of the programme of works

(Moved by Councillor N Arkney and seconded by Councillor B Clarke)

68 COUNCIL HOUSING TENANTS ANNUAL REPORT

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Homelessness and Planning, to set out the detail for the Councils Annual Report for council housing tenants' 2023/24 and to agree the headline improvement action plan for the tenant satisfaction measure survey undertaken in 2023/24.

The report also sets out the arrangements for undertaking the annual tenants' satisfaction measure survey 2024/25 as per the Regulatory requirements, including the use of grant funding from MHCLG for this purpose and

provide update on the tenants' conference on 16th September 2024, and the forthcoming consultation roadshow on the draft 'tenant involvement and consultation strategy 2025-30'.

It also sets out the details for the 'Getting to Know You' survey being launch during the winter of 2024 to understand the diverse needs of our tenants which will be used to shape and improve housing services.

RESOLVED: that Cabinet:

1. Approved the draft 'Council Housing Tenants' Annual Report 2023/24' for circulation to all Council's tenants via the Council's website, to support effective scrutiny by tenants of their landlord's performance. Appendix A.
2. Delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Social Housing, Homelessness & Planning and the Executive Director of Communities to make the final amendments to the draft Council Housing Tenants' Annual Report 2023/24, prior to digital circulation to Council tenants
3. Approved the headline improvement action plan for the Tenants Satisfaction Measure Survey undertaken in 2023/24. Appendix B.
4. Approved the commissioning of an independent research company to undertake a census annual tenants' satisfaction measure survey for 2024/25, as per the Regulator of Social Housing's requirements. Noting the grant funding set out in the report.
5. Endorsed the arrangements for the tenants' conference 2024 highlights video and the consultation roadshow timetable (Appendix C) following the tenants conference, designed to put tenants at the heart of housing services.
6. Delegated final arrangements to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Homelessness and Planning and the Executive Director of Communities for the 'Getting to Know You' survey to be undertaken during the winter of 2024.

(Moved by Councillor B Clarke & seconded by Councillor N Arkney)

Cabinet also thanked Officers for the work undertaken on the Annual Report and the Tenants Conference

69 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 N Arkney and seconded by Councillor L Smith)

70 UPDATE ON COMMERCIAL LEASE

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Heritage and Local Economy.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

1. Agreed the recommendations in the report.

(Moved by Councillor N Arkney and seconded by Councillor B Clarke)

Leader