



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 30th MAY 2013

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard, S Claymore, M Greatorex and J Oates

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Anica Goodwin (Director - Transformation/Corporate Performance), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships) and Lara Allman (Democratic & Election Services Officer)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Doyle.

2 CORPORATE UPDATE

The Director Transformation and Corporate Performances gave a presentation on Agile Working update.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

None

6 WRITE OFFS

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets providing members with details of write offs from 1 April 2012 to March 2013 and seeking approval to write off irrecoverable debt was considered.

RESOLVED: That the amount of debt written off for the previous financial year be endorsed and the write off of irrecoverable debt for Business Rates of £159,395.00 and Sundry Income of £54,038.97 respectively be approved.

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

7 WELFARE BENEFIT REFORM DISCRETIONARY PAYMENTS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Vulnerable People and Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets updating Cabinet on the discretionary schemes provided by the Council to temporarily mitigate the impact of and support the transition for some vulnerable residents in implementing changes required by the Governments Welfare Benefit Reform programme was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 The implementation of the Discretionary Award for Council Tax Scheme be approved, and;
- 2 The Landlord Hardship Fund as a separate fund available to council tenants, for the commercial interests of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) be approved, and;
- 3 A Direction be sought from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on this basis.

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

8 2014 ARTS AND EVENTS PROGRAMME

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets and Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education seeking approval for the proposed Arts and Events programme in 2014 and seeking approval to submit a bid to the Arts Council was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 The 2014 Arts and Events programme be approved, and;
- 2 The Director Communities Planning and Partnerships in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Operations and Assets be authorised to submit a bid to the Arts Council England Grants for the Arts Scheme.

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

9 TAMWORTH GOLF COURSE FUTURE OPTIONS- PROJECT INITIATION

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education updating Members on progress since the Cabinet meeting on 26 March 2013 which approved the interim management of the Golf Course by the Council and authorised the initiation of a project to review the future sustainability options was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The project outcomes and long list of options for appraisal in stage two of the project be approved, and;
 - 2 The release of £50,000 from the general fund contingency budget to support the delivery of the project be authorised, and;
 - 3 The Portfolio Holder Economy and Education in collaboration with the Portfolio Holder Community Development and Voluntary Sector be authorised to progress the project, and;
 - 4 The waiver of financial regulations be authorised in order to appoint FMG Consulting to support the second stage options appraisal process.

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

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - STREAMLINING INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS AND VALIDATION

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education seeking member approval to the revised information requirements for planning applications was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The revised information requirements (Local Validation Criteria) for planning applications as set out in the appendix to the report for consultation be approved, and;
 - 2 Consultation on the revised information requirements set out in the appendix to the report for a period of 6 weeks in accordance with statutory requirements be authorised, and;
 - 3 The Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education in consultation with the Director of Communities, Planning and Partnerships and Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer be authorised to adopt the revised information requirements, subject to any amendments arising from the consultation exercise.

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

Leader