



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 23rd OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard, S Claymore, S Doyle and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Matthew Bowers (Head of Planning and Regeneration), Karen Taylor (Head of Benefits), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer) and Ryan Keyte (Senior Legal Officer)

47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from A Goodwin, Chief Executive.

48 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

50 QUESTION TIME:

There were no questions from the public.

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

None

52 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2015/16

The Report of the Leader of the Council informing Cabinet of the outcomes arising from consultation undertaken with residents, businesses and the voluntary sector in accordance with the corporate budget setting process was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the report and agreed to take into account the findings along with other sources of information when setting the 2015/16 Budget.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)

53 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2015/16

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations & Assets advising Members of the results and feedback from the recently undertaken consultation and the financial implications of the 2013/14 scheme and to review the consultation feedback when considering potential changes to the scheme to be applied in the 2015/16 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme was considered. Also to advise Members that The Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Working Age Customers for 2015/16 should include an uprating to Applicable Amounts (to be applied for 2015/16).

RESOLVED: That:

1. Cabinet considered the results of the public consultation on the current scheme, carried out 15 July to 15 September 2014, and endorsed the proposed recommended change detailed below when the scheme is considered by Council on the 16th December 2014;
2. the base scheme (in place for 2013/14 & 2014/15) be endorsed;
3. Cabinet agreed that the scheme be reviewed and reported to Members prior to consultation for the development of the 2016/17 Scheme, and;
4. the exclusion of child maintenance as income be included as a specific item in the consultation for the 2016/17 scheme be endorsed.

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

54 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY AND PLANNING OBLIGATIONS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education seeking authorisation to consult on the preliminary draft charging schedule, approve the draft Regulation 123 list and to release s106 monies was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

1. the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for 6 week public consultation in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) be endorsed;
2. the draft Regulation 123 list be endorsed;
3. existing s106 monies from Car Parking Commuted Sums accounts totalling approximately £89,111.83 (less £83k already released), Highways Commuted Sums totalling approximately £124,656.78, Recreation Facilities totalling approximately £9,696 are released to increase the Gateways Capital project budget as detailed in the report in accordance with the legal agreements, local policy and the NPPF;
4. existing s106 monies from Recreation Facilities accounts totalling approximately £54,309 be released to create Wiggington Park capital project budget as detailed in the report in accordance with the legal agreement, local policy and the NPPF;
5. existing s106 monies from Recreational Facilities accounts totalling approximately £11,108.58 be released to increase the Broad Meadow capital project budget as detailed in the report in accordance with the legal agreement, local policy and the NPPF, and;
6. existing remaining s106 monies from account Recreation Facilities totalling approximately £123,226.26 be released to create an Open Space Capital Project budget and the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education and the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Waste Management be given delegated authority to approve their final use in accordance with the legal agreement, local policy and the NPPF.

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

55 SOUTHERN STAFFORDSHIRE BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT RENEWAL

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education seeking to inform Cabinet that the Building Control Partnership Agreement ends on the 1st January 2015 and recommending renewing the current arrangements was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. endorsed the Council entering into a long term agreement with South Staffs Council and Lichfield District Council to provide a shared building control service, and;
2. agreed that the Solicitor of the Council and Head of Planning and Regeneration be delegated to finalise the Partnership Agreement.

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

Leader