



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 27th NOVEMBER 2014**

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

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer) and Lynne Pugh (Directorate Accountant)

### **63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **64 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

### **65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **66 QUESTION TIME:**

None

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

None

The order of business was changed to wait on the arrival of the Leader of the Council.

**68 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY MID-YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2014/15**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets presenting members with the mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet recommend that Council accept the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2014/15.

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

**69 COUNCIL TAXBASE 2015/16**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets reporting the Council Tax Base for the Borough Council for 2015/16 was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That Tamworth Borough Council resolves its calculation of the Council Tax Base for the year 2015/16 to be £20,628.

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

**70 CABINET REPORT FOR WRITE OFFS 01/4/14 - 30/9/14**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets providing members with details of write offs from 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014 was considered

**RESOLVED:** That the amount of debt for the period of 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014 and the irrecoverable debt for Housing Benefit Overpayments of £12, 753.33 be written off.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood )*

**71 I AM TAMWORTH**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education seeking approval to incorporate the £78,000 Arts Council grant for I am Tamworth into the Councils budget following the Arts and Events teams successful bid and to endorse the associated programme of activity funded through this and core Council budgets was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet authorised the addition of £78,000 to the Arts and Events budget for spend in line with the bid to the Arts Council.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)*

## **72 TAMWORTH CASTLE ACCREDITATION SUPPLEMENTARY**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education seeking Cabinet approval for the adoption and implementation of documents relating to the 2014 Accreditation review in respect of Tamworth Castle Museum and Collections was considered. It is a requirement of the Museums Accreditation process that policy documents are signed off by the museum's governing body.

**RESOLVED:** That:

1. the Collections Documentation Policy and Procedures, and Tamworth Castle's Emergency / Disaster Plan be adopted;
2. the Director Communities Planning and Partnerships, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder Economy and Education, be delegated authority to progress the Castles Museum Accreditation process and make minor changes to the documents if required, and;
3. delegated authority be given to the relevant Portfolio Holder and Director Communities Planning and Partnerships to review and approve all Accreditation related documents for Tamworth Castle.

*(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)*

## **73 DRAFT BASE BUDGET FORECASTS 2015/16 TO 2019/20**

The Report of the Leader of the Council seeking to inform Cabinet to inform Members of the re-priced base budget for 2015/16, base budget forecasts for the period 2015/16 to 2019/20 (the 5 Year Medium Term Planning Period) and the underlying assumptions and to consider the future strategy to address the financial trends was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That;

1. the technical adjustments and re-priced base budget figures for 2015/16 & indicative budgets to 2019/20 be approved;
2. the proposed Policy Changes and Capital programmes, as detailed within the report were considered;
3. the planned Council Tax and Housing Rent increases for 2015/16 was considered, and;
4. in compliance with the Constitution of the Council, the Joint Scrutiny Budget Workshop be asked to consider the budget

proposals contained within this report.

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

#### **74 QUARTER TWO 2014/15 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Report of the Leader of the Council seeking to provide Cabinet with a performance health-check was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet endorsed the contents of the report.

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

#### **75 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 D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

#### **76 GOLF COURSE DISPOSAL OF ASSET**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education setting out the disposal methodology of the former golf course site and seeking to agree in principle the main heads of terms and content of the section 106 agreement that will become part of the sale contract was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations contained in the report be agreed and approved subject to the public being informed of the full details of the documents at the earliest opportunity.

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

Prior to exclusion of the press and public, a document was circulated to the public outlining the contents of the report at minute 76. This can be viewed via the following link:

<http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/golf-course-background>