



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 12th MARCH 2015

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), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Ryan Keyte (Senior Legal Officer), Janice Clift (Democratic and Elections Officer), Stephen Lewis (Head of Environmental Health), Steve Pointon (Housing Strategy Manager), Matthew Bowers (Head of Planning and Regeneration), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer), Natalie Missenden (Public Relations Officer), Christie Tims (Head of Organisational Development) and Tina Mustafa (Head of Landlord Services)

106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

107 CORPORATE UPDATE

Sue Arnold, from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner gave a presentation about the Cadets

108 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

110 QUESTION TIME:

None

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

There were none

112 IMPROVING WELLBEING IN TAMWORTH COMMISSIONING PROSPECTUS OUTCOME

Report of the Leader of the Council to inform Cabinet of the outcomes from the 'Improving Well Being' in Tamworth' commissioning exercise was considered.

RESOLVED: That

1. Cabinet noted the decision to award contracts in line with the Council's financial guidance and;
2. authorised the Commissioning Hub to go back out to tender for the outstanding monies not awarded in Lot 2, (including any additional partner funding identified) and delegated authority to the Commissioning Hub to award contracts to the successful bidders.

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

113 ANNUAL REVIEW 2014/15 & CORPORATE PLAN 2015/16

Report of the Leader of the Council to inform Cabinet of the contents of the Annual Review and Corporate Plan was considered.

RESOLVED: That

Cabinet endorsed the Annual Review and Corporate Plan

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

114 2015 PAY POLICY

Report of the Leader of the Council detailing Tamworth Borough Council's Pay Policy Statement so that statutory guidance as set out in S38 of the Localism Act is adhered to was considered.

RESOLVED: That

1. Cabinet approved the Pay Policy Statement to go forward to full Council for formal adoption in line with the Localism Act 2011, and;
2. the Leader recommend to full council that the Chief Executive's Pay is increased by 2% from 1st January 2015 in

line with all other Chief Officer grades.

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

115 CABINET REPORT FOR WRITE OFFS 01/4/14 - 31/12/14

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets to provide Members with details of write offs from 1st April 2014 to 31st December 2014 and to seek approval to write off irrecoverable debt in line with policy re Business Rates and Sundry Income in excess of £10k was considered.

RESOLVED: That

1. Cabinet endorsed the amount of debt written off for the period of 1st April 2014 to 31st December 2014, and;
2. endorsed the amount of debt written off for the period of 1st April 2014 to 31st December 2014 and Sundry Income £24,159.67 respectively.

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

116 NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BC MEANINGFUL GAP CONSULTATION

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education to consider the Councils proposed consultation response to North Warwickshire Borough Council on their "Meaningful Gap"

RESOLVED: That

1. Tamworth Borough Council do not support the Assessment because:
 - a. it is likely to create uncertainty for Tamworth residents about the scale and location of future development in the area between Tamworth and Polesworth;
 - b. of the unclear purpose and assessment of the 'meaningful gap';
 - c. it is not clear whether a designation is proportionate or necessary in advance of allocating sites for development;
 - d. concerns about whether the Assessment is legally compliant and therefore the weight that can be attributed to it in decision making;
 - e. the lack of joint working or prior consultation on the Assessment in conflict with the signed Memorandum of Understanding and the Duty to Cooperate.

2. Cabinet agreed that the completed response sheet in is sent with this Cabinet paper as the Councils formal response to the consultation; and
3. Cabinet endorsed that Tamworth Borough Council continues to commit officer time and appropriate resources on collaborative working, including undertaking joint pieces of evidence, with North Warwickshire and Lichfield Councils on addressing meeting Tamworth's needs and identifying the required infrastructure to mitigate its impact on Tamworth in line with the Duty to Cooperate and the signed Memorandum of Understanding.

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

117 SERVICE PROVISION FOR CUSTOMERS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Waste Management to update Cabinet regarding the approach that has been developed to prevent delayed discharge from hospital that is related to housing issues and to provide housing support to vulnerable households and to seek Cabinet approval to further develop and widen this approach by engaging a suitably qualified partner organisation to deliver a comprehensive crisis intervention and support service for customers with complex needs who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless was considered

RESOLVED: That

1. Cabinet agreed to a tender exercise being undertaken to engage a suitably qualified organisation to deliver a comprehensive crisis intervention and support service for customers with complex needs, and;
2. approved the use of £30k Homelessness Prevention funding and £15K HRA resources to support the delivery of the scheme for an initial 12 month period

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

118 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Public Health to inform Cabinet as to the Corporate Impact on Tamworth Borough Council of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was considered.

RESOLVED: That

1. Cabinet approved the Council taking a corporate approach to the new Act and the current working group (consisting of the Tamworth Borough Council Officers and Staffordshire Police Officers listed in the Report Author Section), or where appropriate sub working groups from within the main working group, be tasked with producing the policies and procedures necessary for such a corporate wide implementation;
2. agreed that authority to implement those policies and procedures be delegated to appropriate officers (at Director Level).
3. agreed that once the policies and procedures are in place the authority to implement the Act is delegated to appropriate officers (at Director Level), and;
4. agreed that until the policies and procedures are in place the power to implement the Act rests with appropriate officers (at Director Level) on a case by case basis and where possible in line with current appropriate procedures.

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

119 ACTIVE TAMWORTH - SPORTS STRATEGY

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Public Health to update members on Active Tamworth and to seek endorsement for the Leisure Department to consult with partners on Tamworth's Physical Activity Strategy was considered

RESOLVED: That

1. members endorsed the update on Active Tamworth and gave approval for consultation on Tamworth Borough Councils Physical Activity Strategy, and;
2. members authorised the Director Communities Planning and Partnerships in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder Communities and Public Health to make formatting and minor revisions to the document following consultation prior to publication on the Councils website.

(Moved by Councillor D Doyle and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

120 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 M Thurgood)

121 AWARD OF STRAY DOG, COLLECTION, KENNELING AND RE-HOMING CONTRACT

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Public Health to seek approval to award the contract for a stray dog service between Tamworth Borough Council and the most economically advantageous bid for a three year extendable term commencing 1 April 2015 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the recommendation as contained in the report

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

Leader