



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 18th JUNE 2015

PRESENT: Councillors D Cook (Chair), 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), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer), Roger Bennett (Operations Accountant - Finance) and Joanne Sands (Neighbourhood Services Manager)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 QUESTION TIME:

None

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

None

6 QUARTER FOUR 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 seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

7 WRITE OFFS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets to provide Members with details of write offs from 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Members endorse the amount of debt written off for the previous financial year

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

8 CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2014/15

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets to advise Members on the final outturn of the Authority's Capital Programme for 2014/15 (subject to audit confirmation) and to request formal approval to re-profile specific programme budgets into 2015/16 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. endorsed the final outturn position of the 2014/15 capital programme; and
2. approved for each of the projects the re-profiling of the budget into the Authority's Capital Programme 2014/15

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

9 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2016/17

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets to allow Cabinet to consider any changes to the 2014 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and consultation questionnaire for the consultation process due to take place between July and September 2015 in relation to the 2016/17 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. endorsed the consultation questionnaire in relation to the 2016/17 scheme and agreed amendments to the consultation to be undertaken between July and September 2015;

2. considered the exclusion of child maintenance as income and endorsed this inclusion within the 2016/17 and future years' questionnaire and consultation process;
3. endorsed the ongoing alignment of applicable amounts with the Housing Benefit scheme from April 2016; and
- 4, agreed any other areas to be included in the 2015/16 on line questionnaire

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

10 DELIVERY OF CORPORATE PROPERTY REPAIRS, COMPLIANCE WORKS AND CAPITAL WORKS THROUGH SOLIHULL FRAMEWORK, AGREEMENT

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets to set out for Cabinet the benefits of procuring corporate property repairs, compliance works and capital works through the Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council framework agreement was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. agreed to Tamworth Borough Council joining the Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council framework agreement for a period of 5 years for the delivery of repairs, compliance works and capital works in relation to its corporate and investment property portfolio;
2. that authority be granted to the Director of Assets and Environment to enter into a suitable contractual arrangement to facilitate delivery of this framework;
3. agreed to terminate compliance contract for corporate and investment properties and deliver through SMBC framework agreement; and
4. agreed that any savings generated on repairs and maintenance and the compliance works estimated to be in the region of £44k through the use of the framework are reinvested in the in the property portfolio

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

11 INSURANCE TENDER 2015

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets to advise Cabinet that the Authority's insurance requirements will be tendered during 2015, to seek

endorsement of the contract brief and to request approval to delegate authority to the Director of Finance to award the contract was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. endorsed the contract brief for the for the procurement of Insurance contracts;
2. agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Finance to award the contracts to the successful insurers following any negotiation with the insurers to finalise the contracts;
3. endorsed the continual use of the current insurance Reserves for self-insurance liabilities;
4. agreed that Terrorism cover is not required; and
5. endorsed that part of any premium reductions achieved are utilised to establish funds, at an appropriate level, to cover the potential future impact on revenue budgets of increased excesses.

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

12 ASB, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 IMPLEMENTATION

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Public Health to review and agree the operating processes for the use of Community Protection Notices, Public Space Protection Orders and Community Trigger as defined in the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. approved the processes outlined to implement the legislation; and
2. endorsed the level of Fixed Penalty to be set at the maximum permissible within the legislation (currently £100 reduced to £85 for prompt payment).

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

Leader