



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT: 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), Anica Goodwin (Director - Transformation and Corporate Performance), Zoe Wolicki (HR Adviser) and Janice Cliff (Democratic and Elections Officer)

66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Cook

67 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

69 QUESTION TIME:

None

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

None

71 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY SCHEME UPDATE

The Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets provided an overview on the issues and work areas around equality that the Transformation and Corporate Performance team had a lead on and/or was involved in. This report provided Cabinet with an update of the on-going work and to give assurance that systems

or work streams are in place where required in order that Tamworth Borough Council embraces equality and diversity and remains compliant.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

- 1 approved the revised diversity and equality objectives as detailed within the report;
- 2 approved the diversity and equality action plan; and
- 3 endorsed the Diversity and Equalities Scheme and recommend it to Council (15 December 2015) for formal approval

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

72 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2016 ONWARDS CONSULTATION RESULTS

The Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets advised Members of the results and feedback from the recently undertaken consultation on and the financial implications of the 2014/15 scheme and reviewed the consultation feedback when potential changes to be applied in the 2016/17 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme were considered. Also Members were advised that the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working age customers for 2016/17 should include continued alignment to Applicable Amounts with those of Housing Benefit. Members were requested to endorse the proposed change, supported by the consultation results, to exclude child maintenance as income.

RESOLVED: That

- 1 Cabinet considered the results of the public consultation on the current scheme, carried out 31 July to 25 September 2015, and endorsed the proposed recommended changes detailed below for when the scheme is considered by Council on 15 December 2015; and
- 2 The base scheme (in place for 2014/15 and 2015/16) goes forward with the following exceptions/amendments;
 - (a) That the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working age customers for 2016/17 will continue to be aligned to Applicable Amounts with those of Housing Benefit, and
 - (b) That the exclusion of child maintenance as income becomes a policy change for the Local Council Tax Reduction scheme from 2016/17

onwards.

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

Leader