



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair) and S Doyle

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment), Nicki Burton (Director - Technology and Corporate Programmes), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues) and Natalie Missenden (Public Relations Officer)

98 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Claymore and M Thurgood

99 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

101 QUESTION TIME:

None

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

None

103 DRAFT BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016/17

The Leader of the Council requested members of Cabinet to approve the draft package of budget proposals, to consult with the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Budget) on 26th January 2016 and receive their feedback on the:

- General Fund Revenue (GF) Budget and Council Tax for 2016/17;
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2016/17;
- Capital Programme – General Fund & HRA;
- Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) was discussed

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. approved the draft package of budget proposals including the proposed policy changes (as detailed at Appendix B); and
2. as required by the Constitution of the Council, the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Budget) on 26th January 2016 be requested to consider the budget proposals contained within this report.

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

104 CORPORATE REVIEW OF STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive requested members of Cabinet to endorse the revisions to the strategic framework prior to their subsequent recommended adoption by Council together with the Annual Budget and MTFS.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

- 1 endorsed the revised strategic framework including the Vision, Priority Themes, Corporate Objectives and Outcomes;
- 2 endorsed their inclusion in the emerging Corporate Plan; Corporate Support Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy; and
- 3 recommended the revised strategic framework to Council together with the draft Budget and MTFS.

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

105 BUSINESS RATES INCOME FORECAST 2016/17

The Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets seeking endorsement from Members on the Business Rates income forecast for 2016/17.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. approved the Business Rates income forecast for 2016/17 and subsequent NNDR1 form for submission to DCLG by 31 January 2016, in line with the scheme of delegation;
2. authorised the Executive Director Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make such required amendments to the forecast NNDR1, as necessary; and
3. members noted discretionary relief granted to qualifying bodies in line with the existing policy.

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

106 AGILE WORKING STAGE II

The Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets seeking Cabinet endorsement to progress through the second tranche of Agile Working, including delivery of the 'Delivering Quality Services in Tamworth' project was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

- 1 endorsed deployment of the second tranche of Agile Working including delivery of the 'Delivering Quality Services in Tamworth' project; and
- 2 as part of the budget setting process, endorsed the release of £326,000 from Capital Contingencies for floor refurbishment and furniture as required.

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

107 CREATIVE QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT

The Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education updated Members on the progress on the Enterprise Quarter project and to seek relevant approvals to progress the project

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

- 1 as part of the budget setting process, considered:
 - a. the movement of £124.3k from the capital project budget to the revenue budget to meet the costs of the community activities
 - b. allocating £510.8k additional capital

monies to the project through the Capital programme;

- 2 approved the project programme in Appendix A and notes that hirers and tenants of the Philip Dix Centre will be given notice to vacate the building;
- 3 endorsed an options appraisal to consider future short and long term delivery of Tourist Information and gave authority to the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets, the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education, the Director for Assets and Environment and the Director for Transformation and Corporate Performance to conclude and implement the options appraisal;
- 4 gave authority to the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education to tender for professional services and contractors and enter into relevant contracts; and
- 5 gave authority to make use of the County Councils existing arrangements for professional services and contractors for the detailed design and construction of the Philip Dix Centre.

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

108 COUNTER TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and Public Health requested Cabinet to secure approval to adopt the proposed Prevent Strategy 2015-2017 and the underpinning action plan (appendices A and B) and recommend the same to Full Council on the 15th March 2016.

RESOLVED: That members endorsed the proposed draft Prevent Strategy and action plan and recommend approval of the policy by Council.

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

Leader