



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ASPIRE AND PROSPER SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7th MARCH 2017**

PRESENT: Councillors S Goodall (Chair), P Thurgood (Vice-Chair), R Bilcliff, J Chesworth, R Ford, R Kingstone, R Rogers and P Standen

CABINET: Councillor D Cook

The following officers were present: Ryan Keyte (Senior Legal Officer)

52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Peaple

53 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor R Rogers and seconded by Councillor J Chesworth)

54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

55 UPDATE FROM CHAIR

There were no updates given by the Chair

56 TOURISM AND HERITAGE (THE CASTLE)

It was decided to take this item to the next Aspire and Prosper Committee on 11 April 2017 as the Committee are waiting a report

57 TOWN CENTRE PARKING

A proposal was received by the Committee from Councillor P Standen with regards for the consideration for a trial period of free car parking in Council operated Town Centre Car Parks after 3 pm on Fridays (free after three) as a positive response to issues raised by Members of the public in feedback for the State of Tamworth Debate and to assist in boosting the Town Centre's day time economy.

Councillor D Cook Leader of the Council presented evidence regarding revenue from parking. This resulted in a discussion prompted by some questions and although no support for Councillor Standen's motion was presented the topic would be left on the Agenda.

58 FORWARD PLAN - 1 FEBRUARY 2017 - 31 MAY 2017

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for 1 February 2017 to 31 May 2017

59 WORK PLAN 2016-2017

The Committee considered the Work Plan for 2016/17

RESOLVED: That the Committee approved the following work plan

Aspire and Prosper Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan 2016/17	
DATE	SUBJECT
11.04.2017	Tourism and Heritage (The Castle)
11.04.2017	Town Centre Parking
TBC	Provision of Post – 16 Education and Training in Tamworth
TBC	Strategic Investment Fund
TBC	West Midlands Combined Authority
TBC	Reasons why Tamworth is more aligned to Birmingham?

Chair