



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
CABINET  
HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2015**

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors 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), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues) and Tina Mustafa (Head of Landlord Services)

**85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Pritchard

**86 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor M Thurgood and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)*

**87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**88 QUESTION TIME:**

None

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

None

**90 DRAFT BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/15**

Report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval for the draft package of Budget proposals to consult with the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Budget) on 27th January 2015 and to receive feedback on the

- General Fund Revenue (GF) Budget and Council Tax for 2015/16;
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2015/16;
- Capital Programme – General Fund & HRA;
- Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet  
Approved the draft package of budget proposals including the proposed policy changes; and;

Endorsed that Joint Scrutiny Committee (Budget) should consider the budget proposals contained within this report at its next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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

## 91 BUSINESS RATES INCOME FORECAST 2015/16

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets to report to and seek endorsement from Members on the Business Rates income forecast for 2015/16 was considered

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet  
Endorsed the Business Rates income forecast for 2015/16 and subsequent NNDR1 form for submission to DCLG by 31 January 2015, in line with the scheme of delegation;

Authorised delegated authority to the Executive Director Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make required amendments as necessary; and;

noted discretionary relief granted to qualifying bodies in line with the existing policy.

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

## 92 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 Councillor M Thurgood)*

**93 APPOINTMENT OF FIRE SAFETY PARTNER FOR COUNCIL OWNED STOCK**

Report of the Portfolio Holder of Housing & Waste Management to set out the commercial response to the procurement of the Home and fire safety checks for council owned property.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet  
Approved the tender submitted by Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS);

agreed to award a two (2) year contract with provision for a one (1) year extension to SFRS for home and fire safety checks in council owned properties, commencing February 2015 as per option 1 set out in the report; and;

authorised delegated authority to the Director of Housing & Health in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Waste Management to agree any extension or re-tendering of the arrangements save any material changes prior.

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

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