



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CABINET
HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY 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), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Janice Clift (Democratic and Elections Officer), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer), Natalie Missenden (Public Relations Officer) and Tina Mustafa (Head of Landlord Services)

VISITOR: Lawrence Holmes (of GVA)

94 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Pritchard

95 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

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

96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

97 QUESTION TIME:

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 1

Under Schedule 4, 13, Mrs G Mann will ask the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education, Councillor S Claymore, the following question:-

"On behalf of the residents of Tinker's Green and surrounding area, I would like to ask the Council to re-consider including a local shop into the regeneration.

The present shop is well used especially by residents without their own transport through disability or age. It is also a valuable centre of the community. It serves many people locally, not just on the estate.

Please reconsider the plans in the light of this omission."

Councillor S Claymore gave the following reply:

Thank you for your question Mrs Mann

The current proposals for the site are based on a range of information and data including community consultation.

The community consultation showed a range of views from local people, but with the top priority being the need to ensure that current poor housing is replaced with quality homes.

These proposals have been based on balancing a range of needs and community requirements and the designs are aimed at avoiding the problems of the past with large numbers of flats in regimented blocks.

The inclusion of retail has an inevitable impact on the number of homes that can be delivered and is most likely to lead to inclusion of more flats - including more flats above shops, which we are trying to avoid.

However, we recognise that the proposals do lead to the loss of a shop which is clearly used by people in the community.

As we are now entering the planning stage of the project and there is a statutory process by which local views can inform an eventual decision by the planning committee and also that this process will require a close examination of the impact of all of the proposals.

I would suggest that In order to reassure local residents that retail provision remains a consideration, that master planning proposals are submitted into the planning process with the understanding that there will be a further opportunity for concerned residents to be consulted as part of this process and that all possible mitigations against impact will be thoroughly explored.

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

None

99 TINKERS GREEN AND KERRIA CENTRE REGENERATION- MASTER PLAN

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education to agree master plan proposals for the regeneration of Tinkers Green and the Kerria Centre prior to submission for outline planning permission was considered.

The Chief Executive gave a presentation with regard to this item

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

- 1 approved the summary master plan proposals;
- 2 approve that the Director of Housing & Health and the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education be authorised to submit an application for outline planning permission based on the proposals;
- 3 agreed that the Director of Housing & Health and the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education be authorised to progress the procurement of a development partner; and
- 4 agreed that the Director of Assets & Environment make detail changes to the compulsory purchase order site plans previously approved by Cabinet on 6th November 2014 to ensure the boundaries identified, match the final approved masterplan of both schemes for the purpose of progressing the initial stages of this CPO process, noting that a further report will be presented to Cabinet to approve the final order should this be necessary to ensure project delivery.

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

A motion was passed to change the order of business under Rule 4.13 (c) taking item 9 as 6

100 PROPOSED OPERATING MODEL FOR TAMWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL 2015-2020

The Report of the Leader of the Council & the Chief Executive to seek Cabinet approval to implement and communicate the Service Delivery & Operating Model was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

- 1 approved the model and approved the implications being communicated to partners, stakeholders and staff;
- 2 agreed that the processes and practices associated with the model be formally adopted;
- 3 agreed the necessary adjustments to working practices be implemented and, where necessary, any new skills or training be incorporated into the Council's Organisation Development and Training Plans; and
- 4 agreed the revision of the Service Delivery and performance Management Policies be to reflect the new model.

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

101 CORPORATE VISION, PRIORITIES PLAN, BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2015/16

The Report of the Leader of the Council to approve the Single Corporate Vision & Strategic for 2015/16 and to approve the recommended package of budget proposals was considered.

RESOLVED:

That all 26 recommendations as contained within the report be approved.

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

102 QUARTER THREE 2014/15 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Report of the Leader of the Council providing Cabinet with a performance health-check was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

- 1 endorsed the report; and
- 2 approved the release of £42k from the remaining balance within the General contingency budget in support of the Golf Course project

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

103 CREATIVE QUARTER UPDATE

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Education & Economy updated members on the progress relating to the funding and implementation of the Creative Quarter.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

- 1 approved the Capital Appraisal form for inclusion into the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Capital Programme;
- 2 endorsed the current funding position in regards to our external funding bids;
- 3 delegated authority is given to the Director of Community Planning and Partnerships in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder Education and Economy to update and submit the previously endorsed HLF Bid for Tamworth Assembly Rooms;

- 4 Agreed that the Leader writes formally to Staffordshire County Council (SCC) to secure the agreed £500k financial contribution from SCC;
- 5 delegated authority to the Director of Community Planning and Partnerships in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder to review and amend the project governance structure to ensure it remains fit for purpose as we move towards implementation; and
- 6 approved the temporary closure dates for Tamworth Assembly Rooms and initial closure plans.

104 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 by Councillor M Thurgood)

105 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Waste Management & Portfolio Holder for Economy & Education to update on the arrangements for funding a council housing acquisition pilot in the Housing Revenue Account for 2015/16 was considered.

RESOLVED That Cabinet endorsed the recommendation as contained in the report

Leader

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