



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
CABINET  
HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Cook (Chair), 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), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment) and Matthew Bowers (Head of Planning and Regeneration)

**43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**44 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

**45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**46 QUESTION TIME:**

None

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

Councillor A James presented a report on the recommendation of all current and future Members to be subject to a DBS check

**RESOLVED:** The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 took Councillors outside of the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 regime entirely. Councillors appear to be no longer required to undertake a DBS check in accordance with the eligible

positions guide.

However Cabinet feel there is potential benefit in a scheme being examined to see if it's workable. We ask that Scrutiny go back to their next meeting and look to work up a process, possibly voluntary that could be implemented as policy. We ask that potential risks and benefits form part of this review and it is completed hand in hand with the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer.

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

#### **48 PROPOSALS FOR A WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY**

The Report of the Chief Executive setting out the key issues relating to the Government's devolution agenda and updating the Committee on the proposals to establish a West Midlands Combined Authority by 1 April 2016 and the development of a devolution deal. Also the Committee were updated on discussions held with Staffordshire local authorities

#### **RESOLVED:**

- That
- 1 the actions of the Leader and CEO in relation to the Council's engagement in the Devolution debate and work streams be endorsed by Cabinet;
  - 2 Cabinet endorse the Statutory Governance Review and draft scheme relating to the proposed WMCA;
  - 3 Cabinet recommend to Council on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 that Tamworth Borough Council accept the invitation to take up non-constituent membership of the proposed WMCA as and that the decision be communicated to the Chair of the Shadow Board for inclusion in the submission to the Secretary of State;
  - 4 the actions of the Leader and CEO in relation to the Council's engagement in the Devolution debate and work streams be endorsed by Cabinet;
  - 5 The Leader and CEO (or their nominated deputies) be authorised by Council to represent them on relevant and appropriate bodies associated with the proposed WMCA\*, the Devolution Deal\* and/or forums relating to strategic collaboration across Staffordshire and its surrounds and;
  - 6 this will be subject to the necessary approvals from the Secretary of State for DCLG and the Treasury

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

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Leader

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