



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 27th APRIL 2017

PRESENT: Councillors D Cook (Chair), R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), S Claymore, S Doyle, J Goodall and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), Andrew Barratt (Corporate Director Growth, Assets and Environment), Matthew Bowers (Head of Managed Growth, Regeneration and Development) and Stephen Lewis (Head of Environmental Health)

114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies were received

115 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor J Goodall)

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

117 QUESTION TIME:

None

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

Councillor A James updated Members of the report of Healthier and Safer Scrutiny on Domestic Abuse Champions

- RESOLVED:** That the Members agreed that Tamworth Borough Council
- 1 supports Domestic Abuse Champions and promotes the scheme within the Borough Council and with its partners; and
 - 2 continue to develop the Domestic Abuse Policy to explore all options and the Portfolio Holder to take it back to Scrutiny once complete prior to it being considered by Cabinet.

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

Councillor A James updated Members of the report of Healthier and Safer Scrutiny on Inequality in Life Expectancy Across the Borough

- RESOLVED:** That the Members agreed that Tamworth Borough Council
- 1 promotes healthy lifestyles across the borough;
 - 2 continues to promote exercise with the various events and projects that are funded by the Council in Tamworth;
 - 3 explore that all exercise projects which are available across the borough are signposted on the Council website irrespective of who organises the event; and
 - 4 increase the number of sporting and fitness activities currently available in Tamworth, including an increase in the number of outdoor gyms to cover all then boundary wards and that Scrutiny explores demand and available sites to.

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

119 HOUSING WHITE PAPER

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration seeking approval to submit a response to the Government's Housing White Paper Consultation on behalf of Tamworth Borough Council.

- RESOLVED:** That the Members approved the comments to be made in response to the Housing White Paper consultation.

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

120 TAMWORTH FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration informed Cabinet of the options available to them for formally raising their concerns regarding the negative implications of proposed and promoted developments on and around the Borough boundaries. These options will relate to potential local collaboration with neighbouring authorities and the potential to escalate and seeking Central Government intervention if necessary.

RESOLVED:

- That the Members agreed that
- 1 the Leader and Chief Executive write to Lichfield District Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council reiterating the concerns expressed previously and set out in this report about the lack of strategic planning currently taking place and the potential impacts this may have;
 - 2 the aforementioned Councils be invited to adopt a more collaborative approach and work with Tamworth Borough Council on planning for future development and infrastructure from a more strategic perspective;
 - 3 the Leader and Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government setting out the concerns expressed in this report and together with the details of the Council's efforts to resolve the matter locally;
 - 4 the Secretary of State be asked for his assistance to work with us and provide advice and guidance on assessing the options at a strategic level for collaboration and better joint working when planning the future development needs and taking advantage of the options for further growth in support of our efforts to deliver managed economic and housing growth to meet local needs and our obligations as an active member of the GBSLEP; and
 - 5 the Leader and Chief Executive write to the GBSLEP setting out the concerns expressed in this report and ask for their assistance in addressing the issues raised.

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

121 TAXI LICENSING POLICY - AMENDMENT AND UPDATE

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Culture advised members on updates and amendments to Tamworth Borough Council's Taxi Licensing Policy 2017 - 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Members recommended the draft policy goes for approval to full Council

(Moved by Councillor J Goodall and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)

122 CHARGING FOR REQUESTED FOOD HYGIENE RATING SCHEME (FHRS) RE-INSPECTIONS/RE-VISITS

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Culture advised Members that The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) has been in place in Tamworth Borough Council since April 2012. Currently all visits made to premises are conducted at no cost to the business, which includes requested second visits to the business for the sole purpose of increasing their "star" rating, which is to their business benefit.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) announced on the 13th March 2017 that Local Authorities in England may introduce a charging regime using existing powers available to the Council under the Localism Act to make a charge for requests received for an FHRS re-rating inspection.

RESOLVED: That the Members approved the introduction of a charge based on the hourly rate of officers for re-rating inspections based upon full cost recovery with effect from 1 June 2017, reviewed in line with the fees and charges policy annually thereafter.

(Moved by Councillor J Goodall and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

123 BUSKING FRAMEWORK

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Culture provided a working framework to enable busking to be encouraged and regulated within the town centre and public places within Tamworth.

RESOLVED: That the Members approved the framework for the effective regulation of busking.

(Moved by Councillor J Goodall and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)

124 DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE - ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Chief Executive provided Cabinet with a Progress Report relating to the resolution passed in respect of **Minute No. 11** of Cabinet on 16th June 2016.

The report also provides an update on the Council's response to the national campaign jointly promoted by MIND/LGA entitled "**Time to Change**" and the wider mental health agenda.

Please note that Tamworth is the 200th Dementia Friendly Community which was awarded on 27th April 2017

- RESOLVED:** That the Members
- 1 endorsed the actions undertaken by members and officers to date in
 - a) Enabling and supporting the establishment of the **Tamworth Dementia Action Alliance**;
 - b) Integrating the purpose and principles of **Time to Change** into an Employee Wellbeing Policy supported by an **Employer Pledge**;
 - 2 approved the respective Action Plans designed to support both work streams
 - **Tamworth Dementia Alliance Action Plan**
 - **Time to Change Action Plan**;
 - 3 acknowledged the outstanding effort and contributions made by key members, officers and the community;
 - 4 agreed to receive a further report setting out any future successes and/or resource/ legal/financial or other implications associated with the achievement of **Dementia Friendly Community** status; and
 - 5 formal letter of thanks to all involved from the Leader of the Council

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

125 UPDATED RIPA POLICY

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer advised the Members of the proposed amendments to the Corporate Policy governing the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 in light of the new requirements introduced by

recent legislative change and Home Office Guidance and seeking their consideration and recommendations in relation thereto.

RESOLVED:

- That the Members
- 1 considered the changes to the RIPA policy on Directed Surveillance, Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS) and Acquisition of Communications Data,
 - 2 satisfied themselves that the changes meet the requirements imposed on the Council in terms of the legislation and Codes of Practice, and
 - 3 recommended approval to Council.

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

Leader