



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2011

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors S Claymore, J Garner, M Greatorex and M Oates

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director (Resources)), Anica Goodwin (Assistant Chief Executive), Rob Barnes (Deputy Director (Housing and Health)), Andrew Barratt (Deputy Director (Assets and Environment)), Robert Mitchell (Deputy Director (Communities, Planning and Partnerships)), Nicki Burton (Assistant Director Business Processes (Transforming Tamworth Programme Manager)), Tina Mustafa (Housing Operations Manager), Matthew Bowers (Head of Strategic Planning and Development), Phil Thomas (Financial Controller) and Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues)

84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Beale and R Pritchard.

85 CORPORATE UPDATE

The Assistant Director Business Processes gave a presentation on Transforming Tamworth and asked for the political mandate to implement the Corporate Change Programme as presented.

86 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

None

89 DRAFT BASE BUDGET FORECASTS 2012/13 TO 2016/17

The report of the Leader of the Council informing Members of the re-priced budget for 2012/13, base budget forecasts for the period 2012/13 to 2016/17 (the 5 year Medium Term Planning period) and the underlying assumptions and the future strategy to address the financial trends was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The technical adjustments and re-priced base budget figures for 2012/13 and indicative budgets to 2016/17 be approved, and;
 - 2 The proposed savings measures as detailed within the report be considered, and;
 - 3 As required by the Constitution of the Council, the budget proposals contained within the report be considered by the Joint Scrutiny Budget Workshop.

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

90 QUARTER 2 2011/12 PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

- RESOLVED:** That the contents of the report be endorsed.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

91 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY MID-YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2011/12

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets presenting Members with the Mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and annual Investment Strategy and seeking to gain Members approval to the recommended changes outlined within the report was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2011/12 be accepted, and;
 - 2 The revision to the Prudential and Treasury indicators and limits for 2011/12 to 2013/14 contained within the report and at Appendix 1, as a result of the new Housing Finance system be approved, and;
 - 3 The inclusion of additional capital expenditure of £45.15m (subject to finalisation) in the 2011/12 Capital Programme, to facilitate the capital financing implications of the new Housing Finance system be approved and the Corporate Director Resources be authorised to make payment to the

Department for Communities and Local Government.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

92 COUNCIL TAXBASE FOR 2012/13

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets to report the Council Tax Base for the Borough Council for 2012/13 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Tamworth Borough Council resolves its calculation of the Council Tax Base for the year 2012/13 to be 23,378 (2011/12 – 23,304)

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

93 WRITE OFFS 01/07/2011 – 30/09/2011

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets providing Members with details of write offs from 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2011 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Members endorse the amount of debt written off.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor S Claymore)

94 UPDATE REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF TAMWORTH MARKET

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise providing members with a 6 month update as to the operation of Tamworth market by LSD Promotions Ltd, since the implementation of alternative management arrangements was considered.

RESOLVED: That the introduction of a pilot scheme for a small niche Friday market and be approved, and the high level of performance achieved to date by the management contractor in the first six months of the contract be endorsed.

(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

95 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION POLICIES

The report of the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life seeking approval for both the adopted approach and the individual policies for the schemes was considered.

RESOLVED: That the policies be approved.
(Moved by Councillor M Oates and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

EXCLUSION OF 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 1 and 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

96 RETENTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR LANDLORD GARAGE SITES

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets setting out the strategic arrangements for the disposal of the remaining 63 garage sites was considered.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations as contained in the report be approved.

(Moved by Councillor M Oates and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

97 BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise informing Members of the proposal to extend the current Building Control Partnership, the benefits and risks to the Council and seeking approval to amend the existing legal agreement.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations as contained in the report be approved.

(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor M Oates)

Leader