



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 8th APRIL 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Oates (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard (Vice-Chair), J Chesworth, M Cook and S Doyle

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Anica Goodwin (Executive Director Organisation), Sarah McGrandle (Assistant Director Operations and Leisure), Anna Miller (Assistant Director – Growth & Regeneration), Joanne Sands (Assistant Director Partnerships), Zoe Wolicki (Assistant Director People), Gareth Youlden (Head of Technology and Information Services), Karen Clancy (Partnerships Manager), Adey Ramsel (Theatre, Artistic and Events Manager), Tracey Pinton (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager) and Jodie Small (Legal, Democratic and Corporate Support Assistant)

Guest Councillors: S Goodall

### **104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Cook

### **105 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved as a correct record.

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

### **106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **107 QUESTION TIME:**

None

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

Report of the Chairs of Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee to update Cabinet and to make recommendations to it following consideration of matters by the Scrutiny Committees

The Chair chose to discuss each report within the relevant item on the agenda.

Gungate Item 6

CIL Spending Item 8

## **109 GUNGATE PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

Report of the Leader of the Council to update Cabinet on the findings of the Gungate Regeneration Quarter Consultation which sought the responses from the public on the future of the Gungate site during February 2021 and on the considerations of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee that considered the Gungate public consultation results on the 24th March.

Corporate Scrutiny

The Corporate Scrutiny Committee received the Gungate Public Consultation Report and debated its contents. The Leader thanked Corporate Scrutiny Members for the recommendations and thanked officers involved in the public engagement.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

Acknowledged the following recommendations from Corporate Scrutiny

1. Noted the results of the Public consultation on the future of the Gungate site and the proposed next steps; and
2. Noted the public's desire for a mixed use solution and Recommended to Cabinet that the council embraces a mixed use vision for the future of the town centre.

And agreed the two recommendations in the report:

1. Noted the feedback arising from the public consultation process.
2. authorised delegated authority to the Assistant Director Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Leader of the Council to:
  - a) Investigate the options for delivering development in the Gungate Regeneration Area
  - b) Research and submit bids for external funding by preparing a pipeline of projects for the site.
  - c) Assess market demand for the various site uses through marketing and promotion of development opportunities

d) Continue with land assembly and subsequent negotiations with relevant third party stakeholders, noting that further reports may need to be considered if land assembly costs exceed the remaining Gungate Capital Scheme budget.

*(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor J Chesworth)*

## **110 ICT STRATEGY**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Assets and Finance to seek approval for the 5-year ICT Strategy, setting high level ICT strategic direction and ICT service delivery principles for the organisation.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

approved the 5-year ICT Strategy in Appendix 1. The strategy will inform a more detailed technology plan of activities, supporting the core themes, underpinning continued digital transformation, to be considered during the budget setting process for 2022/23.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)*

The Committee also thanked Gareth Youlden for the work in pulling the report together.

## **111 CIL SPENDING**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory & Community Safety to seek Cabinet approval for the proposals in relation to the spending of CIL income and for the publication of the Infrastructure Funding Statement.

Councillor Simon Goodall presented the recommendation on behalf of the IS&G Scrutiny Committee, the Committee had received the CIL Spending Report prior to its consideration by Cabinet and debated its contents. The Committee supported the proposed recommendations in the Report to Cabinet

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. Approved 5% of CIL income up to 30 July 2021 be retained by the Council and applied to administrative expenses associated with CIL;
2. Approved 5% of CIL income per year from 01 August 2021 onwards be retained by the Council and applied to administrative expenses associated with CIL;
3. Agreed that the Council retain the strategic element and allocate the funds to one or more infrastructure projects in

the Borough;

4. Agreed that Regeneration projects within Tamworth be set as the priority for spending the strategic element of CIL and;
5. Approved the draft Infrastructure Funding Statement attached as Appendix B for publication on the Council's website.

*(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor J Chesworth)*

The Committee thanked the authors of the report.

## **112 ARTS AND EVENTS RELAUNCH**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Culture to update Cabinet on the proposed Arts & Events relaunch programme for 2021, for the Assembly Rooms, Castle and outdoor events and to approve an additional budget to support the staffing of these events.

Resolved That Cabinet

1. endorsed the proposed event programmes and dates.
2. approved the relaunching of all events, giving consideration to the potential loss of income and;
3. Agreed that following the evaluation of the proposed events plan proposals to continue are considered as part of budget process for 2022/23.

*(Moved by Councillor J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

The Committee thanked Adey Ramsel for the work undertaken in putting together the report

## **113 TAMWORTH ADVICE CENTRE SERVICES**

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Culture to seek permission to proceed with the re-tendering of Tamworth Advice Centre services from 1st April 2022

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. approved the decision to tender the Tamworth Advice Centre service for a further three years until March 2025 (plus the option to extend for two further years if required)
2. delegated authority to the Executive Director Communities in

consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture & Operational Services to sign off the Invitation to Tender Document and to approve the award of the contract to the most economically advantageous supplier

*(Moved by Councillor J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)*

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Leader