



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 30th MAY 2012

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors R Pritchard, L Bates, S Claymore, S Doyle, M Greatorex and J Oates

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment), Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues), Nicki Burton (Director - Technology and Corporate Programmes), Stephen Lewis (Public Health Manager), Steve Pointon (Housing Strategy Manager) and Joanne Sands (Neighbourhood Services Manager)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 CORPORATE UPDATE

The Director Technology and Corporate Programmes gave a presentation on the Corporate Change Programme.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

None

6 CORPORATE PLAN 2012/13

The Report of the Leader of the Council informing Cabinet of the contents of the Corporate Plan before publication was considered.

RESOLVED: That the Corporate Plan be approved.

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

7 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF DOG CONTROL ORDERS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environmental and Waste Management seeking to endorse the outcomes of initial consultation and seeking approval to commence introduction of dog control orders in Tamworth, subject to acceptance by full Council was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 The report and results of the consultation of the Dog Control orders identified be endorsed, and;
- 2 The areas proposed to be included in the Dog Control Orders with the amendments arising from the consultation be approved, and;
- 3 Statutory 28 day consultation to begin on 1 June 2012 be approved, and;
- 4 Formal presentation of Dog Control Orders implementation to Full Council for adoption of the orders in July 2012 be endorsed subject to comments received from the statutory consultation.

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

8 ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH REGULATORY SERVICE (EHRS) FEES AND CHARGES 2012-13

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Waste Management seeking approval to implement revised fees and charges in respect of services provided by Environment, Health and Regulatory Services to come into effect from 1 June 2012 was considered.

RESOLVED That:

- 1 The fees and charge proposed for Environment Health & Regulatory Services set out in Appendix 1 of the report with effect from 1 June 2012 (apart from Taxi Licensing fees which need to be approved by Council) be approved, and;
- 2 Cabinet recommend to Council that the Taxi licensing fees set out in Appendix 1, subject to the statutory advertising

- prescribed by the relevant legislation be approved, and;
- 3 Cabinet recommended to Council in future reviews the revision of taxi licensing fees be delegated to Cabinet

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

9 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUNDING

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing seeking approval for the use of Department of Communities and Local Government Preventing Homelessness Grant to support the delivery of key homelessness prevention projects was considered.

RESOLVED: That the use of Department of Communities and Local Government Preventing Homelessness Grant allocated to the Council to support homelessness prevention activity to 2015 be approved.

(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

10 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development providing Members with an appraisal of introducing a Community Infrastructure Levy and seeking approval for undertaking the necessary evidence base collection and production of a preliminary draft charging schedule was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 The introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy be agreed, and;
- 2 The Director of Communities Planning and Partnerships leads on the production of an evidence base and a preliminary draft charging schedule to be considered by Cabinet prior to public consultation, and;
- 3 The Director of Communities Planning and Partnerships leads on the production of the necessary procedures and processes to enable the efficient operation of a CIL, and;
- 4 The Director of Communities Planning and Partnerships leads on discussions with infrastructure providers to draft protocols for the passing of collected CIL monies for the delivery of infrastructure, the monitoring of the implementation of those monies and to seek financial assistance with producing the evidence base for CIL.

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

- 5 The Chief Executive discuss the possibility of co-funding

the production of the evidence base and charging schedule with the Chief Executive of Staffordshire County Council.

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

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE RATE FOR MORTGAGES GRANTED UNDER HOUSING ACT, 1985

The Report of the Portfolio Holder, Core Services and Assets in accordance with Section 438 of the Housing Act 1985 seeking to make the statutory declaration of the local authority mortgage interest rate from 1 June 2012 to 30 September 2012 was considered.

RESOLVED: That the statutory declaration of interest to be charged at 4.72% be endorsed.

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

12 WRITE OFFS 01/04/2011 - 31/03/2012

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets providing members with details of write offs from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 was considered.

RESOLVED: That the amount of debt to be written off be endorsed.
(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

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).

13 DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets seeking approval for the award of discretionary rate relief in respect of a qualifying group's application was considered.

RESOLVED: That 5% top up of Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded from 1 April 2011.

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

Leader

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