



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 17th AUGUST 2023

PRESENT: Councillor P Turner (Chair), Councillors T Jay, A Cooper and P Thompson

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Rob Barnes (Executive Director Communities), Joanne Goodfellow (Assistant Director Finance), Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues), Leanne Costello (Democratic and Executive Support Officer) and Tracey Smith (Democratic Services Assistant)

Apologies received from: Councillor(s) S Smith and M Summers

29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Summers and Councillor S Smith.

30 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th July 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor T Jay)

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

32 QUESTION TIME:

None.

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

None.

34 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2024/25

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Finance to provide an update on the proposed changes to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25 and to request permission to undertake a consultation with the public and our Preceptors.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

Approved the consultation with the public and Major Precepting Authorities on the introduction of a new income banded / grid scheme for working age applicants with effect from 1st April 2024. To reduce the administrative burden placed on the Council by the introduction of Universal Credit, to increase the overall level of support for the lowest income families and to improve the level of Council Tax collection.

(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor T Jay)

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

(Moved by Councillor P Turner and seconded by Councillor T Jay)

36 UPDATE ON COMMERCIAL LEASE

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre and Commercial Property to provides a further update on the status of a commercial lease in Tamworth.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

Approved the two recommendations in the report along with the three recommendations from the supplementary briefing. A further recommendation was added by the Committee.

(Moved by Councillor P Thompson and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

Leader