



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 13th JUNE 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: John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Fleur Fernando (Partnership Support and Development Manager), Steve Pointon (Housing Strategy Manager) and Karen Taylor (Head of Benefits)

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Anthony Goodwin (Chief Executive).

15 CORPORATE UPDATE

The Director Communities, Planning and Partnership gave a presentation on the Town Centre.

16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

None

19 QUARTER 4 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 Cabinet endorse the contents of the report
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

20 SCHEME OF DELEGATION DECISIONS REPORT

The contents of the report were recorded.

RESOLVED That Cabinet endorse the contents of the report
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor S Claymore)

21 CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2011/12

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Core Services and Assets advising members on the final outturn of the Authority's Capital Programme for 2011/12 (subject to audit confirmation) and seeking formal approval to re-profile specific budget into 2012/13 was considered

RESOLVED That:

- 1 Cabinet endorsed the final outturn position of the 2011/12 capital programme, and;
- 2 Cabinet approved the re-profiling of the budget into the Authority's Capital Programme 2012/13 (total £1.489m).
(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

22 LANDLORD SERVICES - END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT 2011/12

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing setting out the arrangements in place to meet the requirements of The Landlord Regulatory Framework as revised under the Localism Act 2011 placing a greater emphasis on local control and a requirement for Tenants to influence, shape and scrutinise services was considered.

RESOLVED That:

- 1 Cabinet endorsed the key achievements of the Council's Landlord Service during 2011/12;
- 2 Cabinet agreed that an Annual Report be produced in

- accordance with the Landlord Co-regulatory Framework, established under the Localism Act 2011, and;
- 3 Cabinet delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Housing to agree the final publication following an independent and free assessment by the tenant advisory service.
- (Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

23 TENANCY STRATEGY

The Report of the Portfolio Holder of Housing seeking approval of the Council's Tenancy Strategy responding to the requirement under the Localism Act 2011 for local authorities to prepare and publish a Tenancy Strategy by 15 January 2013 and taking into consideration the Council's current Homelessness Strategy was considered.

RESOLVED That the Tenancy Strategy be approved
(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

24 TOWN CENTRE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise asking Cabinet to consider the emerging Tamworth Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document for consultation purposes was considered.

RESOLVED That:

- 1 The Tamworth Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document be approved for consultation purposes over two discrete periods prior to adoption by Cabinet, and;
- 2 The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise be delegated to approve the final version of the materials prior to consultation.

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

25 VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMISSIONING CYCLE 2

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking approval to amend and update the existing Commissioning Framework

moving towards joined up commissioning in Tamworth, support to amend the existing Voluntary Sector Commissioning Board to support a wider Public Sector Commissioning Framework and to build on current commissioning practice and momentum, leading the way in Tamworth in joined up commissioning was considered.

RESOLVED

That:

- 1 Cabinet endorsed the proposal that the Voluntary and Community Sector (CVS) and Tamworth Strategic Partnership (TSP) Commissioning Frameworks are combined and become the Tamworth Public Sector Commissioning Framework;
- 2 Cabinet endorsed the proposal that the current VCS Commissioning Board becomes a Public Sector Commissioning Board and has clear links to the TSP Board;
- 3 Members support and engage in the consultation period and ensure that the Public Sector Commissioning Framework is fit for purpose for Tamworth, and;
- 4 A further paper with the results from the consultation, changes and recommendations be presented to Cabinet in Autumn 2012.

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

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).

26 SNOWDOME SWIM AND FITNESS CONTRACT RENEWAL

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking approval for the renewal of the contract between Tamworth Borough Council and SnowDome Swim and Fitness, for the provision of public swimming at the SnowDome pool and seeking approval to make a one off contribution as part of the contract towards the upgrading of the swimming changing rooms was considered

RESOLVED

That:

- 1 Cabinet endorsed the contract and authorised the Chief Executive to sign the contract on behalf of the Council, and;
- 2 Cabinet authorised the Director for Communities Planning and Partnership to process the one off payment as stated

in the agreement.

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

27 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S COMMISSIONING OF FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT AND WELFARE BENEFITS ADVICE SERVICE TO DISTRICT COUNCILS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Core Services and Assets seeking Member approval for, and endorsement of, the decision made by Staffordshire County Council on 16th May 2012, to commission all Staffordshire Local Authority Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit teams to provide Fairer Charging Financial Assessments and Welfare Benefits Advice at a local level on their behalf, initially from April 2013 – March 2016 was considered.

RESOLVED That Cabinet accepted and endorsed the commissioning of Financial Assessment and Welfare Benefits Advice for the Tamworth area to Tamworth Borough Council's Benefits Team from April 2013.
(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor S Claymore)

Leader

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