



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 27th JUNE 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor , Councillors C Dean, D Foster, N Arkney, B Clarke, S Daniels and L Smith

The following officers were present: Stephen Gabriel (Chief Executive), Anica Goodwin (Executive Director Organisation), Rob Barnes (Executive Director Communities), Rebecca Smeathers (Executive Director Finance (S151)), Joanne Goodfellow (Assistant Director Finance), Christie Tims (Corporate Project Co-ordinator), Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager) and Laura Sandland (Democratic and Executive Support Officer)

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

### **2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 approved and signed by the Leader Councillor C Dean as a correct record.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **4 QUESTION TIME:**

There were no Questions

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

Report of the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. Notified Cabinet of the report and recommendations from the Housing Voids Update item that was discussed at the meeting of Corporate Scrutiny on the 22nd of April 2024.

**Resolved that Cabinet agreed:**

1. to instruct Officers to review the costs versus return, of employing an in-house inspection team to see if we can drive down the costs of voids.
2. to review how we recover damages costs from existing tenants and see if there is a more proactive way, we can approach this long term
3. that the Portfolio Holder calls Equans in to address Members major concerns around void turnaround times and ask them what their action plan is to improve this.

*(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor L Smith)*

## **6 AMENDMENT TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STAFFORDSHIRE LEADERS BOARD**

Report of the Leader of the Council enable Cabinet to consider the revised Terms of Reference agreed by the Staffordshire Leaders Board.

### **Resolved that Cabinet:**

1. Considered and agreed the updates made to the Terms of Reference for the Staffordshire Leaders Board

*(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor L Smith)*

## **7 SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AND PRODUCTIVITY PLAN**

Report of the Leader of the Council, Provided Cabinet with information and a timetable for the Financial Stability Plan and Productivity Plan. This report has been considered by Corporate Scrutiny on 25th June 2024.

### **Resolved that Cabinet approved:**

1. The approach and timetable detailed in the Financial Stability Plan.
2. The budget and medium-term financial planning process
3. The Productivity Plan prior to submission and full publication to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)
4. The delegation for finalisation and sign off of the Productivity Plan to the Leader and Chief Executive

*(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor D*

*Foster)*

## **8 WRITE OFFS 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024**

Report of the Leader of the Council, Members endorsed the amount of debt written off for the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

### **Resolved that Cabinet:**

1. Endorsed the amount of debt written off for the period of 1st April 2023 to 31 March 2024 – Appendix A-E

*(Moved by Councillor S Daniels and seconded by Councillor D Foster)*

## **9 CORPORATE PEER REVIEW**

Report of the Leader of the Council advised members of the Corporate Peer Challenge being undertaken on 29 to 31 October 2024 by the Local Government Association (LGA) and seek approval for the programme of work in the run up and following the review.

### **Resolved that Cabinet:**

1. Cabinet noted the Corporate Peer Challenge will be undertaken 29 to 31 October 2024 and the scope will include core elements and the use of technology and innovation
2. That Cabinet approved the programme of work in preparing for the review and commit to the publication deadlines as set out in Appendix 1.

*(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor N Arkney)*

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Leader

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