



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 6th MARCH 2025

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

The following officers were present: Stephen Gabriel (Chief Executive), Rob Barnes (Executive Director Communities), Joanne Goodfellow (Interim Executive Director Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer), Tina Mustafa (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods), Tracey Pointon (Legal Admin & Democratic Services Manager) and Laura Sandland (Democratic and Executive Support Officer)

122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S Daniels arrived at 18.05pm

123 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th February 2025 were approved as a correct record.

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

124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

125 QUESTION TIME:

None

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

None

127 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION AND DEVOLUTION

The chair noted that the report was written as the report of the Chief Executive but should be the report of the Leader of the Council to present the initial

proposals for Tamworth Borough Council's response to the Government's plan for local government reorganisation and devolution. The report recommends that the Cabinet approve the initial proposals for submission to Government by 21 March, consider other potential options, and authorise the development of a final proposal to be submitted by the Government's deadline of 28 November 2025.

Resolved that Cabinet approved:

1. the initial proposals as outlined in this report and explore other potential options. Additionally, the Cabinet authorise the development of a final proposal to be submitted by the Government's deadline of 28 November 2025
2. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be delegated the responsibility to prepare and submit the initial proposals to the Government by the 21 March 2025 deadline. This should be done in collaboration with other local authorities
3. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be delegated the authority to commission expert advice and support as needed to optimise the Council's position. This may include commissioning or cost-sharing with other authorities as required
4. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be delegated the authority to draw funds from the Transformation Reserve, with an allocation of up to £100k to be ringfenced. This is to enable the council to meeting legislative deadlines and ensure the council has sufficient resources to progress delivery.

(Moved by Councillor N Arkney and seconded by Councillor L Smith)

128 QUARTER 3 2024-25 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Report of the Leader of the Chief Executive to provide the Committee with an overview of Council performance for the third quarter of the 2024/25 financial year (October to December 2024).

It reports the council's position in relation to progress with strategic corporate plan projects and updates on the financial position, corporate risks, audits, information governance, compliments, comments, complaints and health & safety.

Resolved that Cabinet

1. endorsed the contents of the report.

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

129 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Homelessness and Planning provide to an update on the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan for 2023/24-2053/54 that was reported to [Cabinet on 22 February 2024](#). It highlights the effects of subsequent changes in the data and underlying assumptions that underpin the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and provides an update on measures that officers are developing to take the authority forward.

Resolved that Cabinet:

1. Approved the HRA Business Plan Baseline position for 2024-2054 detailed in the report and summarised in the attached presentation (Annex one)
2. Approved the HRA Delivery Plan setting out the corrective actions, noting service specific decisions on these will be referred back to Cabinet separately as indicated on the Forward plan (Annex Three)
3. Approved the potential impact of unfunded decarbonisation investment on the HRA, referring the Housing Asset Management Strategy to Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny to review ahead of a required Cabinet report on this in September 2025
4. Approved further modelling of Affordable housing supporting the Councils Corporate ambitions (set out point 3.26 & in the delivery plan at Annex three)
5. Endorsed the outcome of consultations with tenants (Annex two) resulting in the priority areas used for scenario planning; namely rent flexibility, service charges and value for money assessment around corporate recharges

(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor S Daniels)

130 MUSEUM COLLECTIONS DISPOSALS

Report of Portfolio Holder for People Services, Engagement and Leisure to seek approval for the proposed dispersal / disposal of specified items from Tamworth Castle Collections in accordance with Tamworth Castle's Collections

Development Policy 2023 (Item 5. Rationalisation and Disposal and Item 16. Disposal procedures).

To seek delegated authority to support and streamline collections review processes which are required to ensure high standards of conservation care and access in accordance with museum accreditation standard

Resolved that Cabinet

1. Approved that items of unused furniture and collected fireplace surrounds be dispersed /disposed of in an ethical and appropriate manner according to national Museums Association guidelines and the updated Disposals Toolkit (2023). See Appendix 1 for summary of Tamworth Castle Museum Collections Assessments which identify objects suitable for disposal. Individual assessments are attached at Appendix 2.
2. Agreed that in accordance with ethical disposal procedures objects that are identified as suitable for disposal are reused or repurposed within community venues and offered via the Staffordshire History Network forum to museums. Objects which are not repurposed and are of suitable condition may be auctioned.
3. Approved that delegated authority is given to the Portfolio Holder for People Services, Engagement and Leisure, Executive Director Communities, Executive Director Finance, Assistant Director for Regeneration and Growth and the Castle Museum and Archives Manager to approve further necessary disposals identified through collections review processes.

(Moved by Councillor L Smith and seconded by Councillor D Foster)

Leader