



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2011

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

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director (Resources)), Rob Barnes (Deputy Director (Housing and Health)), Robert Mitchell (Deputy Director (Community, Partnerships and Development)), Tina Mustafa (Housing Operations Manager), Karen Taylor (Head of Benefits), Peter Smith (Community Development Manager) and Lara Allman (Democratic & Election Services Officer)

77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor B Beale.

78 CORPORATE UPDATE

The Head of Benefits gave a presentation on the Welfare Benefits Reform.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet thanked the Head of Benefits and the Benefits Team for all their hard work.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

79 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

The Chair of Corporate Scrutiny gave an update following the meeting of 11 October 2011 requesting that Cabinet agree to investigate the establishment of a performance area within the Town. This would be to encourage performing arts and heritage events, make the town centre attractive, and bring to the residents of the town a structured and specially developed area. It is also recommended that the Cabinet utilises any facilities that the Council has available to it.

RESOLVED That Cabinet agreed to take this issue to the next Budget Review Meeting.

82 LOCALITY WORKING REVIEW

The report of the Leader, presented by the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, seeking to review progress against the original aims of Locality Working, reflecting on activity to date, identifying motivators and barriers; considering progress in light of present strategic partnership structures and priorities, reflecting on how the present model fits with central government priorities such as Big Society and Localism; discussing with stakeholders, their understanding, experience and assessment of LW, and making recommendations to Tamworth Borough Councils (TBC) Cabinet and the Tamworth Strategic Partnerships (TSP) to amend or adapt the model to maintain progress was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 the report be endorsed and the progress to date be noted, and;
- 2 The recommendations be supported as outline proposals for the Next Steps, and;
- 3 The report to progress to the next meeting of the Tamworth Strategic Partnership be authorised.
- 4 Cabinet agree, as the principle members of Budget Review Group, to wholeheartedly back Locality Working.

(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor D Cook)

83 RETENTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR LANDLORD GARAGE SITES

This report was postponed to 23 November 2011.

Leader