



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 28th NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Councillor D Cook (Chair), Councillors L Bates, S Claymore, M Greatorex and J Oates

The following officers were present: John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Michael Buckland (Head of Revenues), Karen Taylor (Head of Benefits), Steve Pointon (Housing Strategy Manager), Paul Weston (Head of Asset Management - Property Services), Neil Mason (Community Leisure Manager), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer) and Lara Allman (Democratic & Election Services Officer)

81 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Doyle and R Pritchard and Anthony Goodwin (Chief Executive)

82 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

The Chair of Healthier and Safer Scrutiny proposed two recommendations to Cabinet following the meeting of 18 October 2012:

1. Cabinet be asked to have a permanent drop off point for donations for the Food Bank in Tamworth Borough Council reception area, and;
2. Cabinet be asked to invite the new PCC to meet with the whole of the Council (as a seminar) to inform us what their plans are for the Tamworth area.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 Cabinet with check with the relevant officers that we are able to and feed back to Scrutiny, and;
- 2 The Portfolio Holder for Community Development to invite Matthew Ellis to give a seminar to Members.

The Chair of Aspire and Prosper Scrutiny proposed three recommendations to Cabinet following the meeting of 6 November 2012:

1. Cabinet be asked to look at potential sites to enable the Business Roadshow event to be hosted in Tamworth – could use schools in school holidays/Drayton Manor;
2. The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development be asked to provide the Committee with information to pursue opportunities for local businesses who are able to support the future of Whittington Barracks, and;
3. Cabinet be asked to push for rail links to Jaguar Land Rover through the airport.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise to work with the Director (Communities, Planning and Partnerships) to look at holding the Think Local Roadshow in Tamworth in the future;
- 2 The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise to provide a verbal report to Scrutiny to advise them of the work that has already been done, and;
- 3 The Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise to feed back to the LEP.

85 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR VICTIM AND WITNESS CHAMPION

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Development seeking approval to continue the grant funding of this post for a further three years was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 A further spend of the grant funding from the LPSA2 reward grant (received for tackling anti social behaviour and ring fenced for ASB) to continue the Victim and Witness Champion service for a further

- three years be approved, and;
- 2 The Director Communities Planning and Partnerships in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community Development be authorised to tender the service and procure a provider.
(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

86 RELOCATION OF STRUCTURED EXERCISE GYM

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking approval to relocate the gym currently housed in the Castle Grounds Activity Centre to the Corner Post Education Centre (the new base of Tamworth Boxing Club) on Orchard Street B79 7RH and allowing the Director of Communities Planning and Partnerships to enter into a legal operating agreement with the club was considered.

RESOLVED:

That:

- 1 The relocation of the Structured Exercise Gym to the Corner Post Education Centre be approved, and;
- 2 The Director Communities Planning and Partnerships in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Economic Development and Enterprise be authorised to enter into a legal agreement with Tamworth Boxing Club.
(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

87 LOCALISING SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX - CONSULTATION RESPONSES FOR CONSIDERATION & DCLG TRANSITIONAL GRANT FUNDING (2013 / 14) PROPOSAL

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Core Services and Assets presented by the Leader asking for consideration to be given to the DCLG Council Tax Transitional Grant payment proposals together with the risks and implications associated with the grant conditions and impact on the proposed local support for Council Tax Scheme proposals; and for consideration to be given to the responses to the consultation made with the Public about the proposed Local Council Tax Support Scheme for Tamworth from 1st April 2013 and asking Cabinet to decide which proposals to include, exclude or amend before the final scheme is taken to full Council on 13 December 2012 to be endorsed was considered.

RESOLVED:

That:

- 1 The Authority does not apply for the Council Tax Transitional Grant payment be endorsed, and;
- 2 The proposed Local Council Tax Support scheme (as per Localisation of Council Tax Consultation final Report) having given consideration to the consultation responses be endorsed.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor

S Claymore)

88 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2013/14

The Report of the Portfolio Holder Core Services and Assets, presented by the Leader, to report the Council Tax Base for the Borough Council was considered.

RESOLVED That:
Tamworth Borough Council resolves its calculation of the Council Tax Base for the year 2013/14 to be 20,199 (2012/13 23,378)
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

89 SOFTWARE SUPPORT/DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Core Services and Assets, presented by the Leader, seeking approval for the release of £53,100 from Government Grant income, received in respect of the implementation of localised Council Tax Support, and the establishment of an associated expenditure budget to enable payment for a software support to be made, in line with the requirements of Financial Guidance was considered.

RESOLVED: The release of £53,100 from grant monies financed by the Department for Communities and Local Government, provided for the purpose of implementing a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2013 onwards, and the establishment of an expenditure budget to enable payment of £53,100 to be made to Capita Software Services be authorised.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

90 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY MID-YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2012/13

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Core Services and Assets, presented by the Leader, presenting Members the Mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-year Review Report 2012/13 be accepted, and;
- 2 The CIPFA Code of Practice as revised in November 2011 be formally adopted.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor L Bates)

91 WRITE OFFS 01/4/12 - 30/9/12

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Core Services and Assets, presented by the Leader, providing members with details of write offs from 01 April 2012 to 30 September 2012 was considered.

RESOLVED: The amount of debt be written off.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

92 DRAFT BASE BUDGET FORECASTS 2013/14 TO 2017/18

The Report of the Leader of the Council informing Members of the re-priced base budget for the period 2013/14, base budget forecasts for the period 2013/14 to 2017/18 (the 5 year Medium Term Planning period), and the underlying assumptions and the future strategy to address the financial trends was considered.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1 The technical adjustments and re-priced base budget figures for 2013/14 and indicative budgets to 2017/18 be approved;
- 2 Consideration be given to the proposed policy changes, as detailed within the report, and;
- 3 As required by the Constitution of the Council, the Joint Scrutiny Budget Workshop be asked to consider the budget proposals contained with the report.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

93 QUARTER 2 2012/13 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Report of the Leader of the Council providing Cabinet with a performance and financial health-check was considered.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report be endorsed.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor S Claymore)

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).

94 OUTCOME OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES- TINKERS GREEN AND KERRIA, AMINGTON

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing reporting on the outcomes of the Feasibility Study undertaken in relation to regeneration of the Tinkers Green and Kerria Estates and making recommendations for the next steps towards implementation of proposals was considered.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations as contained in the report be approved.

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

95 GARAGES AT TINKERS GREEN

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing setting out the arrangements for council owned garages at Tinkers Green, Wilnecote was considered.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations as contained in the report be approved.

(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor L Bates)

96 DESIGNATION OF LANDLORD PROPERTIES

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing setting out the arrangements for the 39 2-bedroomed properties that were the subject of a statutory Housing Health & Safety Rating System review completed September 2012 was considered.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations as contained in the report be approved.

(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor L Bates)

Leader