



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2013**

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

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Tina Mustafa (Housing Operations Manager), Paul Weston (Head of Asset Management - Property Services), Tracey Yeomans (Head of Customer Services) and Natalie Missenden (Public Relations Officer)

### **97 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE LEADER**

The meeting commenced with a minutes silence as a mark of respect following the death of Councillor Brian Beale.

The Leader announced the resignation of Councillor Lee Bates as Cabinet Member with Portfolio for Reputation and Engagement. He thanked Councillor Bates for his contribution over the last six months and advised that the work of the Portfolio would be dealt with by the Leader and Deputy Leader in the meantime.

### **98 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Bates, S Doyle, and J Oates

### **99 CORPORATE UPDATE**

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer gave a presentation on The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

### **100 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

**101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

The Chair of Healthier and Safer Scrutiny Committee proposed five recommendations to Cabinet following the meeting of 6 December 2012:

- (1) Ensure that support is available from Tamworth Borough Council staff for adults with learning difficulties living independently in TBC owned properties;
- (2) Keep sports / fitness course costs as low as possible, if not free;
- (3) Last year's play programme was a success, therefore, Cabinet should look to expand the programme in 2013 with low cost / free to attend events;
- (4) Explore external funding to subsidise the above recommendations, and;
- (5) Retain £15,000 in 2013 Council budget for tackling obesity.

**RESOLVED:**

That:

- 1 Scrutiny to bring back to Cabinet with further clarification;
- 2 Sport fitness costs will be kept as low as possible for the coming year;
- 3 Report will be presented at Cabinet in February on external development;
- 4 £35,000 has been identified in the current fiscal year for external funding and £580,000 for external groups, and;
- 5 The sum has been retained and Cabinet will feed back proposals.

The Chair of Aspire and Prosper Scrutiny Committee proposed three recommendations following the meeting of 18 December 2012:

That :

- (1) Education and Skills be allocated a portfolio within existing Cabinet Members;
- (2) Council sponsor careers fair for the whole town, and;
- (3) Establish meeting of Scrutiny Committees with representatives from forum to discuss attainment with issues of health and social issues as an additional agenda item.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 Agreed that this will be done;
  - 2 Will look into this but is a major priority for the LEP, and;
  - 3 Council support an Education forum and will arrange a joint meeting with a letter from the Leader and Chief Executive to ask them to meet both Scrutiny Committees, giving corporate backing to the proposal.

### **103 DRAFT BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013/14**

The Report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval for the draft package of budget proposals and policy changes was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The draft package of budget proposals including the proposed policy changes be approved, and;
  - 2 As required by the Constitution of the Council, the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Budget) on 22 January 2013 be asked to consider the budget proposals contained within this report.  
*(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)*

### **104 CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise informing Members on the Pre-Submission Publication Draft of the North Warwickshire Core Strategy in accordance with Regulations 18, 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 and in particular the Duty to Co-operate (Localism Act 2011) and seeking Cabinet approval of the comments to be made in response to the Birmingham Consultation. Also seeking endorsement to the comments already made in response to the North Warwickshire Core Strategy and the proposal to send a further letter to North Warwickshire in support of their Local Plan submission was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 Comments to be made on the Birmingham Development Plan – Options Consultation be approved, and;
  - 2 Birmingham City Council be advised of Tamworth Borough Council's desire to work with them on the further development of their plan, and;
  - 3 The comments already made on the North Warwickshire Core Strategy Consultation be endorsed and followed up with additional letter, confirming Cabinet support  
*(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor D Cook)*

**105 TAMWORTH LOCAL PLAN**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking approval for a revised Local Development Scheme for publication was withdrawn.

The Local Plan has been submitted for inspection and the Council are currently in early discussions with the Planning Inspector. In light of those conversations it seems likely that the timetable will be amended from what is shown in the current report. A meeting will be scheduled of the Local Development Framework working group to discuss the timetable and a revised report will follow.

**106 REVIEW OF HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing providing an updated position statement on the Housing Capital Programme and outlining details of predicted outturn, overspends, virements, re-profiling and new works identified in-year was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The predicted outturn and proposed re-profiling of amounts into 2013/14 be noted, and;
  - 2 Revised project budgets be approved, and;
  - 3 New works identified in-year be approved.
- (Moved by Councillor M Greatorex 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 Paragraphs 1 and 3, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**107 SHELTERED HOUSING FRAMEWORK**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing was considered

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

*(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)*

**108 REVIEW OF THE SHOP MOBILITY SERVICE**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Core Services and Assets was considered.

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

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor D Cook)*

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