



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 20th JULY 2011

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

The following officers were present: John Wheatley (Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director (Resources)), Andrew Barratt (Deputy Director (Assets and Environment)), Stefan Garner (Deputy Director (Finance Exchequer and Revenues)), Matthew Bowers (Head of Strategic Planning and Development), Tina Mustafa (Housing Operations Manager) and Neil Mason (Sports Facilities Officer)

28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors B Beale and S Claymore and A Goodwin, Chief Executive.

29 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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

LANDLORD TENANCY AGREEMENT

At the Corporate Scrutiny Committee held on 19 July 2011 the proposed Landlord Tenancy Agreement was scrutinised. The recommendations that followed were dealt with at agenda item 6.

32 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND ACTUAL PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2010/11

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets seeking to approve the actual 2010/11 Prudential Indicators within the report and accept the Treasury Management stewardship report for 2010/11 was considered.

RESOLVED

- 1 The actual 2010/11 Prudential Indicators within the report was approved, and;
- 2 The Treasury Management stewardship report for 2010/11 was accepted.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

33 LANDLORD TENANCY AGREEMENT

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for the Quality of Life seeking to approve the Landlord Services Tenancy and Conditions shown at Annex One was considered.

RESOLVED

- 1 The proposed Tenancy Agreement and Conditions to be served on all secure tenants and used for new secure tenants was approved;
- 2 An incentive for the return of signed and fully completed Tenancy Agreement and Conditions was approved;

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

Corporate Scrutiny were thanked for the review of the report and following their feedback the following recommendations were added:

- 3 Cabinet delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder Quality of Life and officers to agree the necessary changes to the tenancy agreement following Corporate Scrutiny recommendations, and;
- 4 A cash incentive of £50 for the return of keys on time was approved.

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

34 LANDLORD IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR ILLEGAL SUBLETTING 2010/11

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life seeking to approve the good practice guide/toolkit on illegal subletting, developed as a result of the grant funding obtained in 2010 was considered.

RESOLVED

- 1 The good practice guide/toolkit on illegal subletting, developed as a result of the grant funding obtained in 2010, shown at annex one was approved, and;
- 2 The approach outlined in relation to ceasing the fraud hot

line and incorporating this work into the wider landlord tenancy sustainment roles was supported.

(Moved by Councillor M Oates and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

35 CONSERVATION GRANT ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2010-2011

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise providing Members with an update on the conservation grants offered by the Borough Council over the last financial year 2010-2011 was considered.

RESOLVED

- 1 Progress made in respect of the conservation grant programme in the 2010-2011 financial year was endorsed.

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

36 STAFFORDSHIRE HOARD TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking approval from Members to release the Staffordshire Hoard Contingency budget and their endorsement of the progress made to date in planning and preparing for the Hoard temporary exhibition was considered.

RESOLVED

- 1 The release of the £20k Staffordshire Hoard contingency budget to support the delivery of the temporary exhibition was approved;
- 2 The preparation and planning for the Staffordshire Hoard temporary exhibition was endorsed, and;
- 3 Merchandise will be available in the Tourist Information Centre as well as at the Castle.

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

37 GATEWAY PROJECT

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking approval from Members for funding to appoint a Landscape Architect to design a number of schemes for improvement of key gateways to the town centre and linkages between the town centre and popular edge of centre destinations, and updating Members as to how the town centre Masterplan can be taken forward and to request Member approval for funding be approved.

RESOLVED

- 1 The recent consultation exercise and further community engagement was endorsed, and
- 2 The release of £20k of Section 106 monies to this project was approved, and;
- 3 The procurement of a Landscape Architect to develop schemes for this project was approved.

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

38 RELEASE OF MONEY FROM CONTINGENCY BUDGET FOR DEFAULT ACTION BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF CURRENT SECTION 215 NOTICE RELATING TO 11 BLOOMFIELD WAY, TAMWORTH

The Report of the Portfolio for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking approval for the release of the necessary money for the Borough Council to ensure compliance with the Section 215 Notice served in February of this year, following the approval of the Planning Committee on 29 January 2011 was considered.

RESOLVED

- 1 The release of £7500 from the Contingency Budget to cover default action by the Borough Council to secure compliance with the Section 215 Notice served under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), in respect of 11 Bloomfield Way, Tamworth was approved, and;
- 2 The Deputy Director Communities, Partnership and Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Economic Development and Enterprise, was authorised to recover the costs of the default action by the most appropriate means.

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

39 BMX TRACK FEASIBILITY REPORT

The Report Holder for Corporate Governance and Assets and Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Enterprise seeking endorsement from Members for the findings and conclusions reached by the independent feasibility study conducted by FMG Consulting into the potential for a completion BMX tract to be built in Tamworth, and to secure Member's endorsement for the proposed next steps as recommended by officers following consideration of the feasibility study was considered.

RESOLVED

- 1 The findings and conclusions of the independent feasibility study into a completion BMX racing track were endorsed;
- 2 The proposed next steps arising from the conclusions as detailed in this report were endorsed, and;
- 3 That the Torc site is promoted as a preferred location along with engagement with the land owners and other stakeholders to explore the possibilities of a combined facility at this site.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor M Oates)

Leader