



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 13th MARCH 2014**

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

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Andrew Barratt (Director - Assets and Environment), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Matthew Bowers (Head of Planning and Regeneration), Tina Mustafa (Head of Landlord Services) and Stephen Lewis (Head of Environmental Health)

### **114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **115 CORPORATE UPDATE**

The Chief Executive gave a presentation on Local Government Association Peer Assessment.

### **116 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

### **117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **118 QUESTION TIME:**

There were no questions received from the public.

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

None

**120 LGA PEER ASSESSMENT - FINAL REPORT**

The Report of the Leader of the Council informing Members of the outcomes, key findings and recommendations arising from the LGA Peer Assessment of Tamworth Borough Council conducted between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- 1 The findings from the Peer Challenge be endorsed and the release of the report to staff and public be authorised, and;
- 2 The suggestions for consideration as the basis for an improvement plan be accepted, and;
- 3 The Leader of the Council and Chief Executive submit said Improvement Plan to Cabinet for adoption at the meeting scheduled for 3 April 2014.

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

**121 TAMWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL DRAFT LOCAL PLAN AND DUTY TO CO-OPERATE ISSUES**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education seeking Cabinet approval to publish the draft Local Plan for public consultation and approval to submit comments on Lichfield District Council's Local Plan – main modifications was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- 1 The draft Local Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal are released for a six week public consultation process in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (2006) and emerging Statement of Community Involvement (recommended to Council 18 March 2014 to be adopted), and;
- 2 Authority is delegated to the Director for Communities Planning and Partnership and the Head of Planning and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education, to make minor amendments to the draft Local plan prior to the consultation period (expected 31 March 2014), and;
- 3 The proposed response to the Lichfield District Council Local Plan Main Modifications consultation be approved, and;
- 4 Authority is delegated to the Director Communities Planning and Partnerships and Head of Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Economy and Education to undertake further co-operation and work with Lichfield District Council, North Warwickshire Borough Council and other relevant bodies to address the short fall arising from Tamworth's housing and employment needs.

Including the organisation of Members meeting to hold further discussions with Members at Lichfield and North Warwickshire.

*(Moved by Councillor S Claymore and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)*

**122 LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE RATE FOR MORTGAGES UNDER HOUSING ACT 1985**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder Operations and Assets in accordance with Section 438 of the Housing Act 1985, for Members to make the statutory declaration of the local authority mortgage interest rate from 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014 was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet endorse the statutory declaration of interest to remain unchanged at 4.72%.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor J Oates)*

**123 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO GRANT LANDLORDS PERMISSION TO ERECT A PERMANENT STATUE IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets enabling Cabinet to consider an application to erect a bronze statue within the scheduled monument area of the Castle Grounds was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet grants landlords consent to the application, subject to the Council having copies of all necessary approvals from statutory bodies, and the Council being indemnified against any future costs that may arise from the proposed statue being located within the curtilage of the grounds.

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

**124 DECLARATION OF AN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA (AQMA) AT THE TWO GATES CROSSROADS, TAMWORTH**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Waste Management enabling Cabinet to consider the declaration of an air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in the Two Gates Crossroads area and to implement the consultation process on the detailed assessment report as is required under the legislation was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That:  
a) The assessment report attached to the report be

- endorsed, and;
- b) The consultation process on the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in the Two Gates Crossroads area be endorsed, and;
  - c) The Director of Assets & Environment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Waste Management, be authorised to conclude this matter having regard to feedback received as part of the consultation in particular the extent of the boundary to the declared area.  
*(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor J Oates)*

## **125 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUSINESS PLAN SUMMARY UPDATE**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Public Housing and Vulnerable People seeking approval of the update to the HRA Business Plan Update Summary 2014 was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The HRA Business Plan Update Summary 2014 be approved, and;
  - 2 A further report is received by July 2014 to agree plans for the delivery of new affordable homes.  
*(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)*

## **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 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

## **126 HOUSING REGENERATION UPDATE**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Public Housing and Vulnerable People and the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets updating Cabinet on progress of the Housing Regeneration project including the financial arrangements for Kerria; seeking agreement to the de-commissioning and decent policy including the next stage of the Decant Programme for residents; seeking agreement to arrangements to support preparation for Compulsory Purchase Order processes and seeking to agree arrangements for the occupation of vacant properties was considered.

**RESOLVED** That the recommendations as contained in the report be

approved.

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

**127 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SCC) PROPOSALS FOR EXTRA CARE FUNDING IN TAMWORTH**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Public Housing and Vulnerable People setting out Tamworth Borough Council's response to Staffordshire County Council's funding prospectus and funding agreement which will replace the existing care and housing support contracts from 30 September 2014 at Thomas Hardy Court Extra Care Scheme was considered.

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

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

**128 CULTURAL QUARTER UPDATE**

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education advising and updating members on the progress of the Cultural Quarter Project, and seeking authorisation to further progress funding bids and to carry out consultation on all proposals with relevant stakeholders was considered.

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

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

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