



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 19th JUNE 2014

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

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), Rob Barnes (Director - Housing and Health), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Robert Mitchell (Director - Communities, Planning and Partnerships), Matthew Bowers (Head of Planning and Regeneration), John Day (Corporate Performance Officer) and Tina Mustafa (Head of Landlord Services)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 QUESTION TIME:

There were no questions from the public.

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

None.

6 QUARTER FOUR 2013/14 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Report of the Leader of the Council seeking to provide Cabinet with a performance health-check was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the contents of the report.

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

7 WRITE OFFS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets seeking to provide members with details of write off's from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet endorsed the amount of debt written off for the previous financial year.

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

8 CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2013/14

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets seeking to advise members on the final outturn of the Authority's Capital Programme for 2013/14 (subject to audit confirmation) and to request formal approval to re-profile specific programme budgets into 2014/15 was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. endorsed the final outturn position of the 2013/14 Capital Programme, and;
2. approved the re-profiling of the budget into the Authority's Capital Programme 2014/15.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard Seconded by Councillor S Doyle)

9 PETITIONS

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets seeking to advise members of the proposed changes to the Petition Policy which provides for public participation in the democratic process and is a method by which residents can let the Council know their concerns and receive a response in relation thereto was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet approved the Petition Policy as the scheme for handling paper and electronic petitions submitted by the public for Council consideration.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard Seconded by Councillor D Cook)

10 TAMWORTH LOCAL PLAN 2006-2031

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education seeking to update Cabinet on the draft Local Plan consultation and updating Members on strategic planning matters with regards to the Duty to Co-operate was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. delegated authority to the Director for Communities, Planning and Partnership and the Head of Planning & Regeneration in consultation with the Leader & Portfolio Holder for Economy and Education, to make amendments to the draft Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal prior to Council approval for a pre-submission consultation process, and;
2. noted all of the comments received during consultation process and endorsed the proposed responses and approach to the matters raised.

(Moved by Councillor S Claymore Seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

11 LANDLORD REGULATORY FRAMEWORK UPDATE

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Public Housing and Vulnerable People setting out the key changes, powers of intervention by the Homes & Community Agency (HCA) for matters of landlord non-compliance and the requirements for landlords to demonstrate tenants continued role in influencing, shaping and scrutinising service delivery was considered.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. adopted the HCA's updated Regulatory Framework for Social Housing updated in March 2014;
2. agreed the programme of external assessment across the Council's Landlord Service to test and ensure compliance to ensure a quality housing management and maintenance landlord service to minimise the risk of intervention by the Consumer Regulations Panel, and;

3. accepted the findings of the HCA's consumer regulation review 2012/13 and noted the increased risk of scrutiny and intervention across the four national consumer standards (customer involvement; home; tenancy & neighbourhood community) applicable to registered social landlords.

(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)

12 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) GRANT FUNDING

The Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Development and the Voluntary Sector seeking to advise members of the PCC's funding allocation for 2014-2015 and to seek endorsement for the funding awards made by Tamworth Borough Council following a procurement process was considered.

RESOLVED That Cabinet:

1. agreed that the 2014/15 PCC funding award to the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership (£85,525) is incorporated into the Council's 2014/15 community safety budget in line with our role as the accountable body for the funds, and;
2. endorsed the funding awards made by the Council in collaboration with our Community Safety Partners.

(Moved by Councillor S Doyle seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

Leader