Minutes of the Cabinet held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Thursday 7 March 2019

Chairman - Councillor P M M Farrington

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:
F Beatty  Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
F A Finlay  Environment and Health Portfolio
J M Pert  Community Portfolio
R M Smith  Deputy Leader and Leisure Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg  Chief Executive
Mrs T Redpath  Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr J Dean  Democratic Services Officer

CAB54  Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2019 were submitted and signed.

CAB55  Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K S Williamson.

CAB56  Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum

Considered a report seeking approval to proceed to a referendum for the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 253 of 8 March 2019.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet moved directly to voting on the recommendations.

The Deputy Leader echoed the comments of the Cabinet Member in that this was an excellent plan which would greatly benefit Barlaston.

RESOLVED:- that the proposals of the Cabinet Member - Economic Development and Planning Portfolio be approved as follows:-
that (a) incorporating the Examiner’s recommended modifications the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan proceed to Referendum;

(b) the Decision Statement (as set out in Appendix 2 of the report) be approved and published with the Examiner’s Report.


Considered a report seeking approval to publish and submit the Council’s Home Energy Conservation Act 2019 Update to Government, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 253 of 8 March 2019.

The Cabinet Member highlighted that the proposal supported the Councils Corporate Business Objectives 1 and 2 and demonstrated its commitment to energy efficiency and the wider Health in All agenda. He then referred to paragraph 2 of the report, whereupon the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Community Portfolio be approved as follows:-

that the update as set out in the Appendix to the report be noted and approved for publication and submission to Government.

CAB58 **Council Tax and Business Rates Arrears Submitted for Approval to Write Off**

Considered a report seeking approval for the writing off of Council Tax and Business Rates arrears as set out in the Confidential Appendix of the report, as detailed in Section 2 of Digest No 253 of 8 March 2019.

The Deputy Leader on behalf of the Cabinet Member highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet moved directly to voting on the recommendation.

The Leader of the Council reiterated that the Council pursued every avenue to recover said arrears and that all steps were taken before debts be written off.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member - Resources Portfolio be approved as follows:-

that the arrears as listed in the Confidential Appendix of the report be written off.

CHAIRMAN