

Chair - Councillor P M M Farrington

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

Councillors:

J M Pert - Community and Health Portfolio  
J K Price - Environment Portfolio  
R M Smith - Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio  
C V Trowbridge - Leisure Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

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

Prior to the meeting the Leader of the Council welcomed all to the first Cabinet meeting of the 2019-20 municipal year, in particular those Members recently appointed to serve on the Committee.

**CAB1 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2019 were submitted and signed.

**CAB2 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor F Beatty.

**CAB3 Corporate Business Plan Year 2 Delivery 2019-20**

Considered a report seeking approval of the corporate business objective action plans for year 2 delivery 2019-2020, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

The Deputy Leader highlighted those outcomes achieved against the plan so far before referring to the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report. The Cabinet noted that they were happy to endorse this highly ambitious plan before voting on the recommendation.

The Leader of the Council reported on the proposed plans for construction of a hotel on the North end of Stafford Town Centre.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

that the plans be agreed and implemented.

**CAB4 Performance Reporting 2018-21 - Resources Scrutiny Committee**

Considered a report updating Members regarding performance reporting for Quarter 4 of 2018-2021 for relating to the Resources Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

The Deputy Leader highlighted paragraph 5.4 of the report before referring to the proposal as set out in paragraph 2, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

that the information be noted.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 25 JULY 2019.**

**CAB5 Performance Reporting 2018-21 - Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee**

Considered a report updating Members regarding performance reporting for Quarter 4 of 2018-2021 for relating to the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

The Deputy Leader highlighted paragraph 5.4 of the report before referring to the proposal as set out in paragraph 2, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

that the information be noted.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 27 JUNE 2019.**

**CAB6 Performance Reporting 2018-21 - Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**

Considered a report updating Members regarding performance reporting for Quarter 4 of 2018-2021 for relating to the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

The Deputy Leader highlighted paragraph 5.4 of the report before referring to the proposal as set out in paragraph 2, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

that the information be noted.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 31 JULY 2019.**

**CAB7 End of Year Performance Report 2018-19**

Considered a report updating Members regarding the end of year performance reporting for 2018 - 2019 as detailed in the Corporate Business Plan, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

The Deputy Leader noted the huge amounts of progress made by the Council over the past twelve months, in particular leisure and retail provision in Stone. He then highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

The Leader of the Council noted how the report demonstrated a well-run authority which had delivered a new leisure centre in Stone, had exceeded its affordable housing target, supported many local businesses, prevented many homeless cases, brought back into use 25 empty homes - all delivered within budget.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

that the information be noted and annual end of year reports be submitted to all Scrutiny Committees.

**THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO ALL APPROPRIATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES.**

**CAB8 Risk Management Report**

Considered a report detailing the Council's Strategic Risk Register as at 1 April 2019, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

The Deputy Leader highlighted that Phase 1 of the Stone Leisure Project had been delivered before referring to the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report. The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Deputy Leader be approved as follows:-

that progress made in the identification and management of strategic risks be noted and the Strategic Risk Register be approved.

**CAB9 Temporary Accommodation - Additional Leased Units**

Considered a report providing an update on the use of bed and breakfast and temporary leased accommodation and requesting permission to lease two units of temporary leased accommodation, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

The Cabinet Member, Community and Health Portfolio highlighted the clear demonstrable need for this type of accommodation and reiterated that the Council was a gold standard authority in terms of homelessness prevention before noting the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

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

that the report be noted and approval be given for leasing of a further one bed and two bed property from Stafford and Rural Homes, with flexible lease arrangements, as detailed in paragraph 5.15 of the report.

**CAB10 Empty Homes Strategy and Release of Funding**

Considered a report presenting the Empty Homes Strategy, requesting permission to consult on the draft strategy and seeking agreement for funding to be released in a phased approach over four financial years, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

The Cabinet Member, Community and Health Portfolio 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 noted that it was important to recognise the complex reasons why properties may be empty.

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

that the Empty Homes Strategy be approved for consultation and the funding to bring empty homes back into use be released, in line with the anticipated programme.

**CAB11 Plan for Stafford Borough - Biodiversity and Development Draft Supplementary Planning Document**

Considered a report seeking approval of the draft Supplementary Planning Document on Biodiversity and Development for public consultation as part of the Plan for Stafford Borough, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

On behalf of the Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio, the Leader of the Council highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet moved directly to voting on the recommendation.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio, be approved as follows:-

that the draft Biodiversity and Development Supplementary Planning Document be approved for public consultation.

*Recording of the meeting was suspended at this time.*

**CAB12 Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED:- that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the next following item of business be discussed, on the grounds that it includes the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**CAB13 Gypsy and Traveller Site Acquisition - Delegated Authority**

Considered a confidential report regarding delegation of authority regarding gypsy and traveller site acquisition, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 256 of 14 June 2019.

RESOLVED:- that the proposal of the Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio, as set out in paragraph 2 of the Confidential Report be approved.

CHAIR