

Chairman - Councillor P M M Farrington

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

Councillors:

F Beatty	Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
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

Also present Councillors A T A Godfrey and M Phillips.

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	Chief Executive
Dr T Redpath	Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr A Bailey	Scrutiny Officer

CAB70 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on on 5 December 2019 were submitted and signed.

CAB71 New Local Plan - Issues and Options Report

Considered a report seeking approval for consultation of the New Local Plan - Issues and Options Report as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

The Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report and made reference to a number of minor typographical/presentational amendments.

The Leader of the Council acknowledged the hard work of the Development Department in the preparation of the report and welcomed feedback on the public consultation.

The Cabinet then 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 New Local Plan – Issues and Options report be approved for public consultation, subject to the minor typographical/presentational amendments.

CAB72 Draft Climate Change Strategy

Considered a report seeking approval of the draft Climate Strategy 2020 - 2040 and agreement for public consultation from January 2020, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

The Cabinet Member, Environment Portfolio highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, and paid tribute to Officers in the preparation of the Strategy.

The Leader of the Council made reference to the importance of the Strategy and welcomed comments from the wider community.

The Cabinet Member (Economic Development and Planning Portfolio) made reference to a minor typographical error in Appendix 2 of the report.

The Cabinet then moved directly to voting on the recommendation.

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

that the draft Climate Change Strategy be approved for public consultation, subject to a minor amendment to Appendix 2 of the report.

CAB73 Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy 2020 - 2024

Considered a report presenting the draft Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy 2020 - 2024, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

The Cabinet Member, Community and Health Portfolio highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

The leader of the Council welcomed on the draft Strategy.

The Cabinet then moved directly to voting on the recommendation.

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

that the draft Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy 2020 - 2024 be received and be subject to consultation to commence on 30 January 2020.

CAB74 257 Tixall Road, Stafford, ST16 3XS

Considered a report seeking approval to make a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) under Part 2 of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of an empty property at 257 Tixall Road, Stafford, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

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

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

- that:- (a) the options as set out in the report be noted;
- (b) the land shown in Appendix 1 of the report be compulsory acquired under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985;
- (c) the property subsequently be disposed of through the open market.

CAB75 30 Lichfield Road, Stafford

Considered a report seeking approval to make a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) under Part 2 of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of an empty property at 30 Lichfield Road, Stafford, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

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

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

- that:- (a) the options as set out in the report be noted;
- (b) the land shown in Appendix 1 of the report be compulsory acquired under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985;
- (c) the property subsequently be disposed of through the open market.

CAB76 Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2020 - 2025 and Allocations Policy Review

Considered a report seeking approval for the adoption of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2020 - 2025 and the associated amendments to the Allocations Policy, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

The Cabinet Member, Community and Health Portfolio highlighted the proposal as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

The Leader of the Council expressed his congratulations on the production of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2020 - 2025 and the Allocations Policy.

The Cabinet then moved directly to voting on the recommendation.

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

that the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2020 - 2025 and the associated amendments to the Allocations Policy be approved.

CAB77 Empty Homes Strategy

Considered a report seeking approval of the Empty Homes Strategy, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

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.

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

that the Empty Homes Strategy be approved and implemented.

CAB78 Empty Properties Strategy - Council Tax

Considered a report setting out the Council's discretions as to the level of Council Tax charges to be levied on empty properties and recommending to Council that the level of charges be adopted with effect from 1 April 2020, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

The Deputy Leader highlighted the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

The Leader of the Council highlighted the exemptions that existed to the proposed Council Tax charges.

The Cabinet then moved directly to voting on the recommendations.

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

that:- (a) at its meeting on 28 January 2020 Council be recommended to adopt the schedule of charges and discounts as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, with effect from 1 April 2020;

(b) at its meeting on 28 January 2020 Council be recommended to adopt the schedule of charges and discounts as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, with effect from 1 April 2020;

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL ON 28 JANUARY 2020.

CAB79 General Fund Revenue Budget 2020-21 to 2022-23 and Capital Programme 2019-20 to 2022-23

Considered a report proposing the General Fund Revenue Budget 2020-21 to 2022-23 and the updated Capital Programme 2019-20 to 2022-23 to the Council, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 263 of 17 January 2020.

The Deputy Leader made reference to the 2020-21 Local Government Finance Statement and the technical adjustments to the Revenue Budget.

Continuing the Deputy Leader highlighted a number of schemes arising from the General Fund Capital Programme.

The Leader of the Council drew attention to £3.5m investment in Leisure Capital Programme schemes for 2020/21, with a further £1m that would follow in later years.

In conclusion Councillor Smith noted the updated Capital Programme before highlighting the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendations.

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

that the following be recommended to Council:-

- (a) the Budget Requirement for the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2020-21 be set at £17.133 million (with indicative requirements for 2021-22 and 2022-23 of £14.223 million and £14.417 million respectively);
- (b) the detailed portfolio budgets as set out in appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (c) the detailed capital programme as set out in appendix 2 of the report be approved;
- (d) the Council Tax for 2020-21 be increased by 1.9% to £159.27;
- (e) the Council's Tax Base be set at 48,260.69 (as determined by the Head of Finance).

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL ON 28 JANUARY 2020.

CHAIR