

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 - Councillor M Phillips

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	- Chief Executive
Mr J Dean	- Democratic Services Officer

CAB35 Minutes

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

CAB36 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs T Redpath, Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager.

CAB37 Update to Surveillance Policy

Considered a report proposing updates to the current Surveillance Policy, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 260 of 4 October 2019.

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 Leader of the Council be approved as follows:-

that in accordance with the appendix to the report, the Surveillance Policy be updated.

CAB38 St Mary's Road Play Area, Little Haywood

Considered a report proposing ownership of the St Marys Road play area in Little Haywood be transferred to Colwich Parish Council, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 260 of 4 October 2019.

The Cabinet Member, Leisure 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, Leisure Portfolio be approved as follows:-

that ownership and maintenance of the land (including the play area of the site located off St Marys Road) be transferred to Colwich Parish Council.

CAB39 Proposed Development of Holmcroft Open Space

Considered a report:-

- providing an update on progress regarding the proposed development of Holmcroft Open Space;
- seeking approval of the concept plans developed by Consultants and progress to procurement in line with Procurement Regulations;
- proposing allocation of the additional Section 106 anticipated receipt of £85,577 to full council with the view to increasing the Holmcroft budget from £398k to £483k, seeking permission to spend the unallocated budget of £389k and further give permission to spend the additional £85k (subject to full council approval);
- requesting delegated authority to the Head of Development and the Leisure Portfolio Holder (in consultation with Local Ward Members and the Interim Head of Operations) to approve the final design;
- requesting delegated authority to the Head of Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure) to acquire freehold or leasehold interest in the land identified as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 260 of 4 October 2019.

The Cabinet Member, Leisure Portfolio noted that this was a very exciting proposal with many benefits for local people before highlighting the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report, to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendations.

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

that:- (a) progress made to date be noted;

(b) permission be given to progress to procurement based on the concept design developed through public consultation;

(c) permission be granted to spend the budget as identified on delivering play and recreational facilities in Holmcroft (subject to full council approval of additional £85k);

(d) delegated authority be granted to the Head of Development and Portfolio Holder for Leisure (in consultation with the Local Ward Members and the Interim Head of Operations) to approve the final plans developed by the successful contractor and any further amends to enable the project to be delivered within timescales;

(e) delegated authority be granted to the Head of Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure) to acquire freehold or leasehold interest in the land identified.

The Cabinet Member - Environment Portfolio and local ward member thanked Councillor Trowbridge for submitting the proposal, and highlighted the input of Councillor B M Cross, local residents and all other consultees.

CAB40 Revenues and Benefits Collection Report - Quarter 1 - Part Confidential

Considered a report informing performance of the Revenues and Benefits Service regarding:-

- collection of Council Tax during the first quarter of the financial year;
- collection of Business Rates during the first quarter of the financial year;
- the recovery of overpaid Housing Benefit during the first quarter of the financial year

together with seeking approval for the writing off of the arrears as detailed in the Confidential Appendix of the report, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 260 of 4 October 2019.

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

- that:- (a) the information regarding collections be noted;
- (b) the arrears listed in the confidential appendices to the report be written off.

The Deputy Leader responded to recent press reports regarding benefits overpayments by reporting that the Council collected 98.5 % of monies due and that only 0.08 % was subject to recovery action.

CAB41 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 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.

CAB42 Stafford Station Gateway - Confidential

Considered a confidential report regarding Stafford Station Gateway, as set out in Section 2 of Digest No 260 of 4 October 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