

Chairman - 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
Dr T Redpath	-	Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mrs K Tierney	-	Head of Development
Mr R Simpson	-	Head of Operations
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

CAB9 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 as published in Digest No 277 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB10 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor F Beatty.

CAB11 Housing Assistance Policy 2021 - 2024

Considered a report requesting approval for the adoption of the Housing Assistance Policy 2021 – 2024.

The Cabinet Member, Community and Health Portfolio highlighted the links between good housing and health, and reaffirmed the Council's commitment to ensure that all of its residents had access to a safe, warm and healthy home. To conclude his comments, Councillor Pert noted the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendations.

The Deputy Leader welcomed the report and offered his congratulations to the Officers responsible for their work in bringing the matter to fruition.

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

- That:-
- (a) the Housing Assistance Policy 2021-2024 as set out in the attached appendix to the report be approved;
 - (b) authority be delegated to the Head of Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Health) to revise, prioritise or withdraw discretionary assistance as appropriate, considering the council's available resources and annual funding allocations.

CAB12 Revocation of a stand for Hackney Carriages – Clarke Street, Stafford

Considered a report proposing to revoke the stand for hackney carriages in Clarke Street, Stafford.

The Cabinet Member, Environment Portfolio confirmed that no responses had been received to the associated consultation relating to this matter before highlighting the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

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

- That:-
- (a) provision of a stand for hackney carriages in Clarke Street, Stafford be revoked following the provision of a new stand for hackney carriages in South Walls, Stafford;
 - (b) the Head of Operations be authorised to bring such revocation into effect.

CAB13 Future High Street Fund: Authority to Spend

Considered a report seeking authority to spend the £19,748,000 allocated within the capital programme for the Future High Street Fund (FHSF) programme as outlined in the FHSF bid and financial case submitted to Council in February 2021.

The Leader of the Council, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, Economic Regeneration and Planning Portfolio was pleased to detail the report and concluded his comments be highlighting the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

Councillor Farrington and his Cabinet colleagues gave thanks to the Portfolio holder and the Officers of the Development Department for their excellent work throughout the bid process culminating in such a significant funding award. The Council's contribution of £5,370,000 was also noted.

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

- That:-
- (a) authority be delegated to the Head of Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Planning) to spend the sum of £19,748,000 included in the Capital Programme as outlined in the Future High Street Funds approved schemes;
 - (b) authority be delegated to the Head of Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Planning) to spend the supplementary estimated revenue sum of £150,000 to enable further technical work to be undertaken to enable the schemes to progress through detailed planning / scheme design stage.

CAB14 Stone Town Neighbourhood Plan - Adoption

Considered a report recommending that Full Council approve the Stone Town Neighbourhood Plan to be formally adopted as part of the statutory development plan for Stafford Borough, following a referendum held on 6 May 2021.

The Leader of the Council, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, Economic Regeneration and Planning Portfolio, highlighted paragraph 3.2 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 Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio be approved as follows:-

That it be recommended Full Council formally adopt the Stone Town Neighbourhood Plan (as set out in the associated booklet) to be consequently 'made' to form part of statutory Development Plan for Stafford Borough and to be used when determining planning applications in Stone Town.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL ON 20 JULY 2021.

CAB15 Stafford Station Gateway Masterplan – Part Confidential

Considered a report seeking approval to support and progress delivery of the proposals identified in the Stafford Station Gateway masterplan.

Councillor P M M Farrington praised the hard work of Officers and Members both in bringing the Masterplan to the delivery stage and for its synergy with other emerging major projects. Members of the Cabinet welcomed the report which represented a major part of the wider regeneration of Stafford town centre.

The Leader of the Council, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, Economic Regeneration and Planning Portfolio subsequently highlighted the proposals as set out in paragraph 2 of the report to which the Cabinet voted on the recommendation.

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

- That:-
- (a) the Head of Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Planning) be authorised to progress with the delivery of the Stafford Station Gateway Masterplan, including public consultation;
 - (b) a supplementary estimated revenue budget of £77,150 be authorised to enable the identified projects to be progressed in line with the steps outlined within the report, in accordance with the workstreams set out in the Task Agreement Addendum in the confidential appendix 2;
 - (c) the content of the Task Agreement Addendum be agreed.

CHAIR