

Minutes of the Cabinet held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Thursday 8 June 2023

Chair - Councillor A T A Godfrey

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

Councillors:

R Kenney	-	Deputy Leader
R P Cooke	-	Resources Portfolio
I D Fordham	-	Environment Portfolio
J Hood	-	Community Portfolio
G P K Pardesi	-	Leisure Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
J Peat	-	Democratic and Corporate Services Manager
J Wallace	-	Licensing and Enviro-Crime Group Manager

CAB1 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2023 as published on 11 April 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

CAB2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A N Pearce and A F Reid.

CAB3 Draft Sex Establishment Policy

Considered a report seeking approval of the draft Sex Establishment Policy for consultation purposes.

The Cabinet Member, Environment Portfolio introduced the report and referred colleagues to the associated appendix. Councillor Fordham concluded his comments by recommending that the proposal as set out in Paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

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

> That the draft Policy be approved for consultation purposes (the Licensing and Enviro-Crime Group Manager be authorised to make minor textual changes to the draft policy in consultation with the Cabinet Member, Environment Portfolio)

CAB4 The Impact of the Cost of Living and Additional Support to Residents

Considered a report detailing support currently provided by the Council to support residents with the cost of living increases and for wider vulnerabilities and to propose additional support to the voluntary sector.

The Cabinet Member, Community Portfolio introduced the report and referred colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 3 and 5. Councillor Hood concluded her comments by recommending that the proposal as set out in Paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

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

That progress be noted and agreement be given to providing additional financial support to initiatives as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report (should the funding not be required for a specific project authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member and Head of Service to reallocate the available resource within the identified priority areas of domestic abuse, hate crime, cohesion and wider vulnerabilities).

CAB5 Strategic Risk Register

Considered a report setting out details of the Council's Strategic Risk Register as at 1 April 2023.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report and referred colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 3, 5 and the associated appendices. Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposal as set out in Paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

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

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

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON 20 JUNE 2023.

CAB6 Quarter 4 and End of Year Performance Report for 2022-23

Considered a report advising Members on the progress in delivering the Council's priorities and performance at the end of the quarter 4 and the year-end position for 2022-23.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report and referred colleagues to the detail contained within paragraphs 3, 5 and the associated appendices. Councillor Cooke concluded his comments by recommending that the proposal as set out in Paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

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

That progress made during 2022-23 in the delivery of the Council's priorities and performance as set out in appendices 1 and 2 of the report be noted.

THIS ITEM IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE VARIOUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEES.

CAB7 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 included the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

Recording of the meeting was suspended at this point.

CAB8 Revenues and Benefits Collection Report - Quarter 4 - Part Confidential

Considered a report:-

informing Cabinet of the performance of the Revenues and Benefits Service as regards:

- collections of Council Tax during the 2022/2023 financial year;
- collections of Business Rates during the 2022/2023 financial year;

seeking approval of the updated Billing, Collection and Recovery Policy; and seeking approval to the write off of the arrears listed in the confidential appendices to the report.

The Cabinet Member, Resources Portfolio introduced the report before highlighting the detail contained within Paragraphs 3 and 5 together with the associated appendices, and concluded his comments by recommending that the proposals as set out in Paragraph 2 be approved.

The Cabinet subsequently voted on the recommendation, which was declared to be carried.

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

That:-

- (a) the information regarding collections be noted;
- (b) the updated Billing, Collection and Recovery Policy be approved;
- (c) the arrears listed in the confidential appendices to the report be written off.

CHAIR